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# RESERVE AWARDS



# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

If you think about it, the Coast Guard really has a lot of awards to recognize its people for their outstanding contributions. There are awards for the top achievers in many areas of our fair service — food service, recruiters, engineering, public affairs, sailor of the quarter, leadership, honor grads at boot camp, etc. In fact, when I began planning for this issue, there were so many that I decided I needed to stick with Reserve Awards — formal and informal.

Let's talk about formal first. You've probably heard of Reserve awards like the Waesche, Sparks, Williams, REPOY, ROJO and RAFRA. These awards are bestowed upon deserving districts, units and individuals. I developed a chart that gives an overview of each of these awards to help educate and keep it all organized. I also published stories on the recent winners of the Waesche (D13/ISC Seattle), ROJO (CWO3 Harold Willaford) and RAFRA awards (PSU 308). The REPOY award winner, HS1 Victor M. Ramirez of MSU Port Arthur, Texas, was announced just as we were going to press. Watch for an article on him next issue. Meanwhile, the Sparks and Williams award winners for 2007 will be announced and publicized later this summer.

The other "formal" part of the Coast Guard awards program can be seen on a member's uniform by looking at his or her ribbons. I've always believed it is important to publish these awards in the magazine, so members and their shipmates can see their names in print — it helps esprit de corps. I put together a lengthy awards list submitted by individuals and units over the last few months. Remember, as always, if you received an award recently and want to see it in *The Reservist*, send in a copy of your citation (e-mail preferred) and I'll see that it gets published in a future issue.

At the same time, I've always believed it's important to publish class graduations, advancements/promotions, retirements and "taps" as a way of honoring our Coast Guard Reservists current achievements and past contributions. These traditions will continue in future issues. However, this issue also marks a "first" for *The Reservist* — a list of CGR Recruiting Awards — those members that have recruited others into the USCG and CGR. Coast Guard Recruiting Command came out with this award last year and we are ready to make good on their offer to publish these in *The Reservist*.

The informal side of awards is much less tangible but perhaps even more important — a pat on the back, a short congratulatory note or e-mail, or simply saying "good job" when you see a shipmate has done something noteworthy. I remember a few years back when I advanced to E-7 — it was like opening a floodgate as I heard from people all over the nation. That still amazes me to this day. A good or encouraging word can motivate members to much greater heights.

Is there room for improvement in the Coast Guard concerning awards? Of course, but overall, we do a pretty good job at recognizing our members. Enjoy this issue and while I'm on the topic — congratulations to all the award winners mentioned on the pages of this issue.



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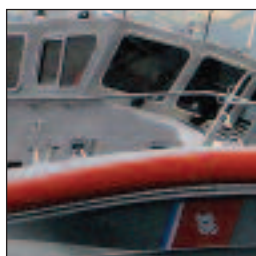
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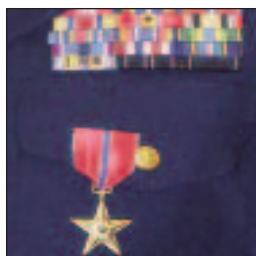
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## DOG Feedback

The opening paragraph of Tara Jennings-May's recent article on the Reserve integration into the Deployable Operations Group (DOG) immediately caught my eye (Issue 2-08). As one of the approximately 6,500 Coast Guard Reservists not assigned to the DOG, the article's bold claim that "nowhere in the Coast Guard is the contribution of the Coast Guard Reservist more visible and vital than in the Deployable Operations Group," struck me as disingenuous and inaccurate.

With the DOG employing 1,500 of approximately 8,000 reservists or just under 19 percent, there are plenty of Coast Guard men and women involved in performing "visible and vital" Coast Guard missions, from the inland waterways to the shores of the Atlantic, Pacific, and Gulf Coasts as well as the Great Lakes. I know the Coast Guard, like any organization, likes to play up a new organization that it feels better serves the nation it is sworn to protect. However, it should refrain from putting forward one element at the exclusion of the others.

— **CDR David L. Teska, USCGR**  
Lawrence, Kan.



Being retired since 1991, I've had an opportunity to read many editions of The Reservist. The 1-08 edition by far, was the most interesting, in my opinion, in many a copy. It reflects what the Reserve is all about — citizens from all walks of life. Each vocation fits into the Coast Guard Reserve.

— **CWO F.A. Hoffman, USCGR(Ret.)**  
Winchester, Ore.

## CGR Birthday Quiz

Thank you for printing the CGR 67th birthday quiz in Issue 2-08 of The Reservist. Going through the birthday quiz did clarify some of my own misconceptions, and also verified some of my opinions. It could also serve the same purpose for some of the other reservists who wrote feedback letters. Your quiz did not mention the joint reserve/regular crews of the three ships that sailed to Vietnam in 1972. I was part of the CGC

CHINCOTEAGUE crew, but we actually only got to Guam. Again, thank you for printing the quiz and educating me.

— **MKCS R.H. Fitch, USCGR(Ret.)**  
Sheboygan, Wis.

## Citizen-Sailor Issue

I'm a reservist at Sector Jacksonville and was approached by an active duty FN who was asking about the MST rating. She wanted to get into marine life training. I brought up The Reservist Citizen-Sailor issue and showed her we have two reservists who have the best job in the world (marine mammal trainers LTJG Sonya Hedrick and MST2 Holli Joy Lamb). She was excited to see Coasties in the same field she's interested in. This wonderful resource is making good things happen.

— **LT Alessandra Penswater, USCGR**  
Atlantic Beach, Fla.

I note the Citizen-Sailor shown on page 34 of Issue 1-08. MST2 Holli Joy Lamb has the same job I had in 1956 at the Theatre of the Sea in Islamorada, Fla. (marine mammal trainer). I served in the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve from 1958 until I retired in 1993. We had mutual experiences with both the U.S. Coast Guard and the Theatre of the Sea.

— **CWO3 Fletcher C. Eberle, USCGR(Ret.)**  
Breezy Point, N.Y.



## Reserve E-mail Communication

I wanted to bring an issue to the attention of The Reservist in hopes it can promote discussion and debate within both the active duty and reserve workforces. Like many drilling reservists, I do not have daily access to a Coast Guard workstation to check my USCG e-mail account. Checking

important unit or CG e-mail roughly every 30 days is simply not conducive for a ready workforce. In Issue 2-08, RADM Acton stated, "We must maintain our focus on strengthening our readiness." Communication is a huge portion of that objective. While I am fully supportive of initiatives such as Homeport to better streamline items of interest to the Reserve force, this method does not foster improved real-time communication within the Reserve force, or between active duty and reserve counterparts. In recent years, federal agencies have been severely criticized for their inability to effectively communicate both internally and externally. Hypothetically speaking, allow me to present this scenario. The Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2006 amended Title 14 USC 712 to

permit Reserve mobilization prior to an incident “to aid in prevention of an imminent catastrophe, act of terrorism, or transportation security incident.”

Realistically speaking, unless the incident is an incoming natural disaster (i.e. hurricane), any information regarding an imminent “act of terrorism” or “transportation security incident” is going to be protected (and should be) within Coast Guard channels, if not higher. Under these auspices, does the Coast Guard really plan to send reservists important information regarding Title 14 mobilization to joe.coastie@yahoo.com or jane.coastie@hotmail.com? Talk about tipping your hand to the enemy! However, this is the reality of the CG Reserve. Check Direct Access, and it's filled with non-official e-mail accounts that are being used by our reservists as their primary means of communicating.

Now that I have just presented the problem, allow me to address a solution. As a federal civilian employee with the Department of Defense, I have both unclassified .mil and .gov e-mail accounts that I can check from both from work and home using a secure log in web-based service that links to my Microsoft Outlook. Not only can I send and receive e-mail, but I have access to global directories, calendars and contact lists. As a matter of fact, this article was submitted to The Reservist using this type of service. Has the Coast Guard considered implementing this type of service for its workforce? For those unfamiliar with what I just described, it is different than a RAS token that you might be more familiar with. I will admit I don't know what the cost would be to adopt this system, nor do I understand the IT challenges of implementing such a system on the existing CG network. Perhaps this is easier said than done, but what a great benefit this would be to the CG Reserve to have 24/7 e-mail access at home and when you travel.

On a another note, what a wonderful world we would live in if a reservist could check their USCG e-mail account daily rather than spending one or two hours (or more) on a drill weekend to plow through the plethora of e-mails waiting for them in their inbox. Our people could dedicate those reclaimed hours to rate advancement training, qualification and mobilization readiness. I apologize if this makes too much sense.

ADM Allen's Reserve Policy Statement charged “every commander, commanding officer, officer-in-charge and program to provide the necessary leadership and training necessary for those Reserve members assigned to them to be ready for mobilization.” This policy is in effect 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year — not one weekend a month, two weeks a year. Enhanced direct communication with the Reserve force regarding local and national level CG guidance, activities and operations is an essential part of this expectation — and we are currently behind the rest of the federal workforce.

I apologize if this matter has been discussed in the past and I am simply beating a dead horse. If this system is planned, I would be very interested in a hearing a program update.

— **LT Robert Price, USCGR**  
**Sector Baltimore, Md.**

**Ed's note:** *Good questions and ideas! E-mail connectivity is a big issue right now and is being addressed within the Office of Reserve Affairs (CG-131). Also, the plan is to discuss many of these issues in our upcoming technology magazine slated for publication later this spring.*

### **Mount Tom Eyewitness Account**

In response to Ray Chevalier's “Mount Tom Memorial” letter in Issue 1-08 (Page 5), the memorial will always haunt me. I

attended the dedication ceremony in 1996, and if it wasn't for the town of Northhampton, Mass., there may have never been a memorial dedicated to the 25 service members (17 Coast Guard) that lost their lives. While at the ceremony, I met a gentleman who was an eyewitness to this tragedy. It was with tears in his eyes that he explained, making me listen to every word.

The gentleman was at Mountain Park Amusement Park adjacent Mount Tom that tragic evening and said it had just stopped raining. He told me the B-17 “buzzed” the park just clearing the roller coaster ride. It turned around and approached from the south, again “buzzing” the park. Only this time, it slammed into Mount Tom below the summit for whatever reason — we can only speculate.

I grew up in the Mount Tom area, visiting Mountain Park along with working at Westover AFB, and am familiar with the area. Westover Air Force Base is located approximately 10 miles to the east of Mountain Park. Its main runway, and its approach to it is nowhere in the proximity of the park. The only thing that one could figure is that the pilot saw the bright lights of the park, and wanted to “buzz” it, saying its last final hurrah before returning to the base. I read another story that the B-17 was on its final approach. If that were so, Mount Tom would not be in its way, being miles away. This incident never should have occurred, and the truth may never be known.

— **AMTC Pete Cuipenski, USCGR(Ret.)**  
**Fanning Springs, Fla.**

### **Reservists Not Always Protected**

My husband and I were recently scheduled to go on vacation to Hawaii and my husband purchased travel insurance just in case. He bought the tickets after I went to ROCI, but before I was offered my ADSW contract. I originally planned to take leave but realized that the timing was bad with our building move project, so I looked to cancel the tickets and use the insurance policy.

The insurance company denied our claim because I was not on active duty when the tickets were purchased and refused to change their position. I couldn't believe it when they explained their rationale, and was even more shocked when I tried to explain that reservists don't have the ability to foresee these things. I was told that it was a limited risk policy and they were sorry but I was still not covered. I showed the contract to some Coast Guard lawyers and there was nothing we could do because of the wording of the policy. Eventually, I appealed to the CEO of Continental Airlines and he granted us a full refund on the non-refundable tickets.

In the post-9/11/post-Katrina world, when deployments can happen and people can be activated, I just wanted to let other reservists know they are not always protected under military clauses.

— **ENS Jen Osetek, USCGR**  
**Branford, Conn.**

### **CGR Anniversary Greetings!**

Tuesday, Feb. 19 was the day after President's Day to some and to others just another day, but to the Coast Guard Reserve it was their 67th birthday. As I've said in the past, the Coast Guard Reserve is the least recognized for their part in homeland security. They are truly a big part of the “Shield of Freedom.” Today we have many Coast Guard men and woman overseas on foreign soil keeping this land free. Let's all salute and congratulate the men and women of the Coast Guard Reserve both home and abroad. Semper Paratus and Bravo Zulu!

— **BMCS Jack Crowley, USCG(Ret.)**  
**Semmes, Ala.**





**BOSTON —** The Security Division of PSU 301 marches in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade March 16, 2008.  
Photo by Erin Twomey











TACOMA, Wash. - The Response Boat-Medium (RB-M) is an all-aluminum, 45-foot boat with twin-diesel engines and water jet propulsion launched at Commencement Bay in Tacoma, Wash. The boat, which recently completed successful builder's trials on March 3, 2008, is expected to be the primary non-heavy weather, multi-mission capable boat for the U.S. Coast Guard. These boats will replace the 41-foot Utility Boats (UTBs) which have been the workhorse of the coastal stations for the past 25-plus years. While the Response Boat-Small (RB-S) remains the primary platform of focus for Reserve training and employment during contingencies, once a reservist is qualified on the RB-S, he/she can work on attaining other platform qualifications to include the RB-M.


Photo by Jeff Curtis











CLEVELAND HARBOR, Ohio - BM2 Clayton Franklin awaited his rescue by MK3 David Melendez during Ice Rescue Training at Coast Guard Station Cleveland Harbor Feb. 27, 2008. The Ice Rescue Program is unique to the Coast Guard units on the Great Lakes because of the number of people that venture out onto the frozen lakes. Reservists are encouraged, but not required, to complete ice rescue training alongside their active duty counterparts.

Photo by PA3 William Mitchell, D9 Public Affairs





**EUREKA, Mo. — Coast Guard Disaster Area Response Teams (DART) work to rescue a stranded family from their flooded home March 20, 2008. Five DARTS with Coast Guard Reservists, were deployed to assist with the floods. Photo by PA3 Jaclyn Young, D8 Public Affairs**









By  
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Director of  
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**“Since our Reserve Force is vital to the success of mission execution, we must modernize our force just as we are modernizing the rest of the Coast Guard.”**

## New Director Outlines Three Major Initiatives

Let me begin by saying what a tremendous honor and privilege it is to serve as the new Director of Reserve. After serving on active duty for nearly 29 years in many operational assignments that have allowed me to engage with a great number of our reservists, I can think of no better role to serve in. Throughout these many years, I have had the distinct pleasure of working with countless reservists in taking on the many challenges that faced the Coast Guard on any given day. In each and every occasion, it was clear to me that we would not have been successful had it not been for the contributions of our Reserve Force due to the critical skills and additional capacity all of you bring to our service.

As an example, on 9/11, I was serving as the group commander for the port of Boston and it was immediately obvious to me that I was facing numerous challenges that only the assistance of my reservists would help resolve. Fortunately, I was blessed with a fantastic Senior Reserve Officer and some of the very best reservists that I had ever served with. They responded immediately, (some within 24 hours) and through their readiness and exceptional professionalism, we provided the best possible response to ensure the safety and security of our area of responsibility. Boston was also one of two ports (New York was the other) that had a port security unit immediately assigned to provide the necessary additional forces required to secure the port. Operating for over a month with this highly skilled and extremely high optempo unit was one of the great experiences of my tour. This is the Reserve Force that I have come to know and appreciate for these many years, so I truly am honored to serve as your Director.

We have many new challenges facing us today that we must address within our Reserve Force. I want to share my thoughts on these new challenges and how we plan to take them on. During the few months I've been on the job, I have met several times with RADM Acton, RDML Seward, RDML(select) Day, MCPO-CGRF Smith and our CG-131 staff. We are fortunate to have strong senior leadership guiding us as we take on these new challenges. RADM Acton touched on a number of these challenges in Issue 2-08. As we move forward in modernizing the Coast Guard, we must also do so with our Reserve Force. This is a “total force” effort to make our Coast Guard more efficient and nimble in responding to all threats and hazards. As ADM Allen has explained, “We must have command and control and mission support structures that optimize mission execution,” and “To create a Coast Guard that can effectively meet the demands of the 21st century, we need hardware and [personnel] that are flexible, agile and adaptable.” Since our Reserve Force is vital to the success of mission execution, we must modernize our

force just as we are modernizing the rest of the Coast Guard.

Together with our Reserve Leadership Team, I intend to focus on three major Reserve initiatives:

- **Modernize the Reserve Force:** This effort includes three major components; resolving our Full Time Support (FTS) billets so they remain dedicated to supporting the Reserve program; realigning the management of our Reserve Force which is being accomplished through our Reserve Forces Readiness System (RFRS); and right-sizing the Reserve Force including potential growth of the SELRES.
- **Improve Communication Capability:** We plan to make progress in the communication capability for all our reservists; my goal is to establish the ability for all reservists with computer access to be able to conduct reserve business/training from their own computers.
- **Improve Recruiting:** We will improve in our ability to attract the best possible Reserve Force to meet our operational requirements; this will be critically important if we grow the workforce in the coming years.

These will be the key initiatives we focus on over the next year. This doesn't mean we won't continue to make gains with the many other initiatives already in progress, but we will make a concerted effort on these top priorities. Most importantly, we will be working as a “team” as we take on these challenges, so look for all of us to continue communicating with you, visiting with you, soliciting your input/recommendations and moving forward smartly.

Recently, I visited TRACEN Cape May (which turns 60 years old on May 31st — hard to believe). While there, I had the opportunity to speak to a number of new reservists joining our Coast Guard. They were extremely excited, motivated and inspired about their future in our organization. Just talking with them and hearing their enthusiasm and commitment to serving our country was a very uplifting experience.

Lastly, I want to thank RDML Coogan for the work she has done over the past year laying the groundwork for the initiatives we will take on in the coming months. Our Reserve Force will be greatly improved by the work we do and, in turn, so shall our entire Coast Guard. I look forward to meeting many of you in my travels and serving as your Director.

Semper Paratus!



# Reservist Earns Bronze Star

## Commandant Presents Award at Special Ceremony

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Coast Guard Reservist CWO4 Jack J. Brown was awarded the Bronze Star at a special ceremony at Coast Guard Headquarters Feb. 4. ADM Thad Allen, USCG Commandant, presented Brown with the award before a standing room only crowd of family, friends and shipmates.

Brown deployed to Iraq and served as Special Assistant to the Department of Homeland Security Attaché in Iraq in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM from March 27, 2007 to Sept. 14, 2007. During this six-month tour, Brown faced 60 rocket and mortar attacks involving over 200 explosive devices. After receiving wounds from a rocket attack, Brown capitalized upon his civilian skills as a firefighter and reentered the embassy to rescue other injured embassy staff. At one point, he witnessed a trailer on fire and entered without regard to his own safety. He successfully escorted the occupants out of the smoke and fire-filled trailer, then secured the electrical power to prevent further injuries to responders.

Brown also shielded the Iraqi Director of Customs with his own body during a rocket attack outside the embassy compound and led the general to a fortified bunker, which ultimately ensured the general's safety.

He was the "go to" person and was routinely called at the last minute to jump aboard an aircraft to attend Iraqi/Coalition meetings that successfully planned the transfer of missions to the Iraqis in Basrah, Umm Qasr and the Iraq oil platforms.

CWO4 Brown's work helped improve the overall security conditions in Iraq. At the end of his most recent mobilization, he had served over 15 months in a combat zone since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and over 43 months of active duty time.

Brown is currently in the United States and working as Deputy Director for the Arlington County, Va. Office of Emergency Management. He served in the Army Reserve from



Photo courtesy David Morrison, Arlington County Office of Emergency Management

1971-77 before joining the Coast Guard Reserve Feb. 5, 1982.

CAPT Charles Diaz, Acting Director of Coast Guard International Affairs, was the ceremony's master of ceremonies. Coast Guard Pipe Band members BMCS Steve Cochran and LCDR Jeff Burton added a special flare to the ceremony's conclusion with a special bag pipe rendition of "Semper Paratus."

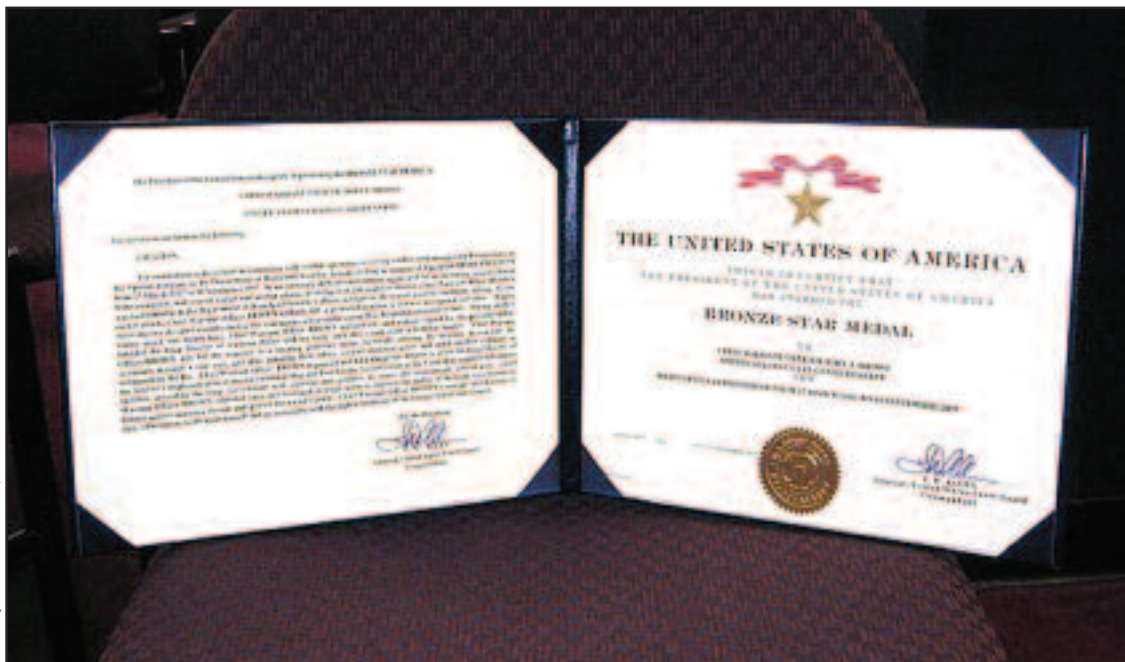


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**Above: CWO4 Jack J. Brown, left, and ADM Thad Allen at the award ceremony to recognize Brown. CWO Brown's Bronze Star marks only the second time the Coast Guard has issued the award since the start of the Global War on Terror.**

**Left: CWO4 Brown's Bronze Star certificate.**



# USCG Recruiters of Year

Photo courtesy PAC Renee Gordon, Coast Guard Recruiting Command



*Coast Guard Recruiters of the Year were honored at a ceremony Dec. 4, 2007 in Tampa, Fla. Navy League National Director Skip Witunski, right, presents MKCS Steven Sisk of Recruiting Office Tacoma, Wash. with a plaque for being named Coast Guard Reserve Office of the Year. Also recognized were, left to right, AMT1 Robert*

*Holden, Active Duty Recruiter of the Year (RO Tampa); YNCS Tom Illich, Reserve Recruiter of the Year (RO Mobile); IT1 Michael Locke, Officer Recruiter of the Year (RO Denver); and MKCS David Maletzke, Active Duty Office of the Year (RO Portland, Maine).*

Air Force photo by Airman Jonathan Lovelady, 375th Air Wing Public Affairs



## TRANSCOM Change of Command

*Incoming U.S. Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) Coast Guard Element commanding officer CAPT Jeffery G. Anderson, left, salutes outgoing commanding officer CAPT Deborah A. Dombeck, right, while Air Force Reserve Maj. Gen. Harold L. Mitchell, center, commander of USTRANSCOM'S Joint Transportation Reserve Unit, looks on. The change of command ceremony for USTRANSCOM's Coast Guard Reserve Element was held Dec. 1, 2007 at Scott Air Force base, Ill. The Coast Guard Reserve Element has 18 Coast Guard Reservists.*



Photo by CW03 E.J. Kruska, USCGR

## Congratulations ... and Welcome Back!

*CAPT Kim Pickens, USCGR, right, displays the 2007 Joel Magnussen Innovation Award presented by CAPT Andrea Contratto, left, while visiting the Office of Reserve Affairs at Headquarters April 3. The team award was for her work as Deputy chair of the Atlantic Area Shore-based Boat Working Group, which analyzed the multi-mission workload at all 170 LANTAREA small boat stations in 2006. Pickens is no stranger to this magazine — she served as editor of The Reservist from 1979-82 while an ensign/lieutenant junior grade in the USCGR.*



# Officer Snook Gets Day at the White House

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Officer Snook of the Coast Guard's Sea Partners program made a special appearance at the White House Easter Egg Roll March 24. He appeared along with other characters from books, television and film — including Snoopy, Arthur, Super Why! and Mickey Mouse. This year's theme was "Ocean Conservation" so the Coast Guard and Officer Snook were invited to attend since Sea Partner's mission is to promote a cleaner maritime environment. Reservists and auxiliaries are heavily involved nationwide in Sea Partners. The program coordinator is ISC Michelle Birchfield, USCGR, with ENS Frederik Pegna set to take over this summer.

*Right: Officer Snook and Alexander Kruska, son of Lisa and CWO3 Ed Kruska, USCGR, having fun during the White House Egg Roll. • Below: Officer Snook poses with Mr. McFeely a.k.a. David Newell, the fellow who became known as "speedy delivery," from Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood on the White House South Lawn.*



Photo by Jayne Petersen



Photo by LT Jennifer McGee, CG-5441

## Coast Guard "Green" For A Day!

*The Coast Guard Pipe Band marches down 5th Avenue in New York City March 17 in the 247th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. The USCG Pipe Band is made up of many volunteer reservists, auxiliaries, active duty and retirees.*



Photo by PAC Tom Sparduto, USCG





Photo by Mr. Scott Prince

## REBI Class Romeo 03-08

*Congratulations to Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination Class Romeo 03-08, graduated Jan. 18, 2008, and shown in front of the Douglas Munro statue at Training Center Cape May, N.J. Front row, l-r: AMT1 Chris Hatch, company commander; PS3 Mario Magdaleno, GMCS Don Clayton, company commander; SN Thomas Shamrell, SN Timothy Huff and MK1 Corey Koura, company commander. Middle row, l-r: PS3 Alex Sider, SN Jason Bowen, PS3 Joseph Tronco, PS3 Seth Cope, PS1 Thomas Rodriguez. Back row, l-r: SN Jason Alexander, SN Matthew Bufford, SN Michael Reddinger and IV3 John Conroy.*



Photo courtesy ENS Jennifer Osetek, USCGR, and Starshine Photographics

## ROCI Class 01-07

*Congratulations to Reserve Officer Candidate Indoctrination Class 1-07 who graduated July 6, 2007. The three-week course was held at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn. Front row, l-r (staff): LT Bowen Spievack, LT Robert Cole, LTJG Patrick O'Donnell, LT Michael Friend, LT Eric Casper, LT Patrick Peschka, CDR John O'Connor, LTJG Rick Jones, LT Thomas Stokes, LTJG Christopher Villar, LT Caryn Margita, EMC Julio Suazo. Second row, l-r: ENS Kiley Hoppe, ENS Anthony Ruffini, ENS Sara McPherson, ENS*

*Micah DeYoung, ENS Patrick Dillon, ENS Meng-Tien Lin, ENS Tabetha Havasy, ENS James McCann, ENS Jennifer Osetek. Third row, l-r: ENS Kurt Abourched, ENS Gregory Kim, ENS Daniel Fogarty, ENS Lucy Jimenez, ENS Jason Kravetz, ENS Andrew Filipczak, ENS Andrew Cooke, ENS Kyle Stone, ENS Michael Dixon. Back row, l-r: ENS Sean Carothers, ENS Michael Doria, ENS Julio Moré, ENS Edmund Parvin, ENS Todd Hegemier, ENS Daniel Trimble, ENS Thomas Baker, LTJG Ryan Townsend, ENS Donald Tremble.*





## ROCI Class 02-07

*Congratulations to Reserve Officer Candidate Indoctrination Class 2-07 who graduated Aug. 3, 2007. The three-week course was held at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn. Front row, l-r (staff): CWO2 John O'Hara, LT Michael Friend, LTJG Rick Jones, LT Patrick Peschka, Ms. K.C. Moran, CDR John O'Connor, LT Eric Casper, LTJG Patrick O'Donnell, LT Thomas Stokes. Second row, l-r: LT Bowen Spievack (staff), LT Robert Cole (staff), ENS L. A. Tracy, ENS Jasmine Barnard, ENS Paige Maliff, ENS Alisa Harkins, ENS Dawn Dabney, LT Caryn Margita (staff), LTJG Christopher Villar (staff). Third row, l-r: LT Eric*

*Stroming, ENS Flynn Wienker, ENS Carlos Montes-Nation, ENS Mario Limon, ENS Miguel Bosch, ENS Laura Anderson, ENS Stephen Rabel, ENS Robert Silva, ENS Michelle Moore, ENS Brooke Barton. Fourth row, l-r: ENS John Budiao, ENS John Dymond, LTJG Jason Olivet, ENS Mitchell Otey, ENS Marco Rodriguez, ENS Rick Miller, ENS Stephen Valentine, ENS Todd Salter, ENS Rob Buntin. Back row, l-r: ENS David Bavencoff, ENS Jeremy Rodrigues, ENS Chris Symons, ENS John Livingston, ENS Michael Bonner, ENS Manny Puri, ENS Don McLaurin, ENS Matthew Raynor, ENS Jeff Yoder.*

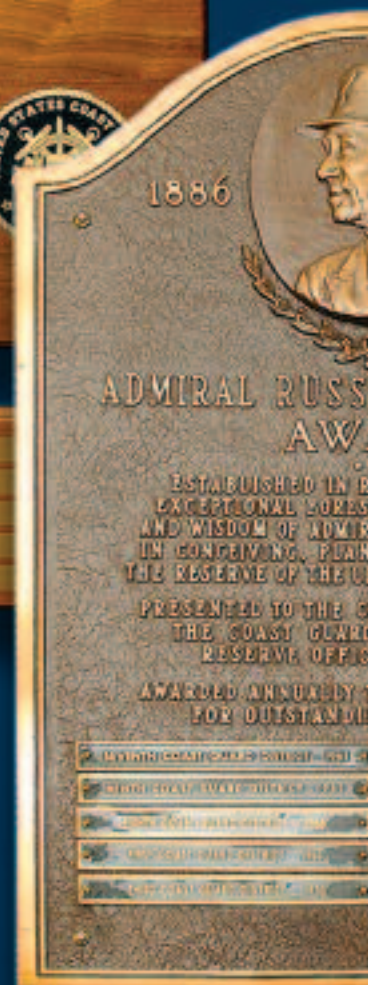
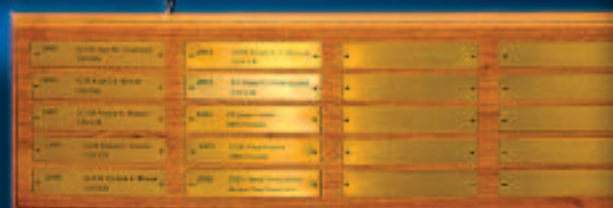
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# RESERVE





# AWARDS





# Admiral Russell R. Waesche A W A R D



The Waesche Award was established in 1961 in recognition of the exceptional foresight, understanding and wisdom of ADM Russell R. Waesche in conceiving, planning and developing the Reserve Component of the United States Coast Guard. It is presented by the Coast Guard Affairs Committee of the Reserve Officers Association and awarded annually to recognize Coast Guard Districts and their cognizant ISCs for outstanding achievement in superior reserve readiness. The award is presented at the Coast Guard Congressional Reception held in conjunction with the Reserve Officers Association Mid-Winter Conference in Washington, D.C.

Selection of the Waesche award recipients was based on data from Coast Guard Business Intelligence, the Training Management Tool, Direct Access and the narratives submitted by competing Districts and ISCs and aligned by their results in the following performance measures:

- Overall strength (as a percentage of billets assigned).
- Quality of match (based on current personnel to billets).
- Percent of SERLES members who meet satisfactory IDT and ADT participation standards (scored individually).
- Percent of SERLES members with current medical and dental exams (scored individually).
- Percent of Ready Reservists who have completed the Annual Screening Questionnaire.
- Percent of reservists with data entered in the TMT.

District commanders should submit an application package consisting of a one-page cover memo and no more than a two-page summary of action in 12 point type, with one inch margins.

The summary of action may be a bulletized list or a narrative and must address the following:

- How the district and its supporting ISC(s) optimized Reserve readiness during FY07, with an emphasis on how the specific performance measures were addressed and/or improved. Explanation of exceptionally low or high readiness measures is strongly encouraged.
- Best practices/lessons learned as a consequence.

The Office of Reserve Affairs (CG-131) will prepare performance data summaries and consolidate with nominations. The Director of Reserve and Training (CG-13) will convene a selection panel, and an announcement of the selection panel results will be made via ALCOAST.

## 2007 Waesche Award Winners

### Thirteenth Coast Guard District and Integrated Support Command Seattle

SEATTLE — The Thirteenth Coast Guard District (D13) and Integrated Support Command (ISC) Seattle have been selected as the 2007 ADM Russell R. Waesche Award recipients. Sponsored by the Reserve Officers Association, this award recognizes Coast Guard Districts and their cognizant ISCs for superior reserve readiness.

D13 and ISC Seattle are commended for their dedication to Reserve readiness and their sustainment of exceptional readiness measures. They reached out to reserve stakeholders by developing and implementing a two-and-a-half day "Reserve 101" course, laying the foundation that supports the achievement and sustainment of a high readiness state.

Additionally, they embarked on an end-to-end strategy beginning with recruiting and following members through their career. The creation of a Reserve recruiting liaison, matching recruiting efforts with operational needs, ensures new accessions are optimally placed. An Individual Development Plan (IDP) program linked to the scheduling of IDT and ADT helps members maintain a clear career path. Training is streamlined and leadership opportunities are maximized by the institution of core drill weekends. The creation of a Senior Enlisted Assignment Panel ensures thoughtful succession planning in D13. All of these efforts are communicated and promoted by harnessing technology tools such as CG Homeport.

Other Districts/ISCs nominated are: D1/ISC Boston, D5/ISC Portsmouth, D9/ISC Cleveland, D13/ISC Seattle, D14/ISC Honolulu, D17/ISC Ketchikan.

The award was presented to CAPT Steven Penn, Thirteenth District Senior Reserve Officer, and LT Monique Roebuck of ISC Seattle(pf) at the Coast Guard Congressional Reception held in conjunction with the Reserve Officers Association Mid-Winter Conference in Washington, D.C. Feb. 11.

"ISC Seattle lived up to their motto, 'where service reigns,' and provided outstanding support, which played a big role in strengthening D13's Reserve program," said CAPT Penn. "Team Coast Guard is alive and well throughout D13."

The Thirteenth District has won the Waesche Award 11 times, more than any other District: 1969, 1982-85, 1992, 1996-97, 1999, 2003 and now, 2007. ALCOAST 037/08 announced this year's winner.



Photo by Mr. Eric Minton, ROA

**ADM Thad Allen, USCG Commandant, center, presents the Waesche Award plaques to CAPT Steven Penn, D13 Senior Reserve Officer, left, and LT Monique Roebuck, ISC Seattle, right, at the Coast Guard Congressional Reception during the ROA Mid-Winter Conference in Washington, D.C. Feb. 11.**



# RADM Bennett "Bud" Sparks Total Force A W A R D



The RADM Bennett "Bud" Sparks Total Force Award, also known as the Sparks Award, recognizes the Coast Guard unit judged to be the most supportive of a totally integrated Coast Guard force, demonstrated by its effective use of Coast Guard Reservists. Sponsored by the Reserve Officers Association, this award was established in 1991 and was originally called the "Total Force Award." In 1993, it was renamed in honor of RADM Bennett "Bud" Sparks who served in the Coast Guard Reserve from 1942-89, was national president of the Reserve Officers Association, and served as Secretary General of the Confederation of International Reserve Officers (CIOR).

Selection of the Sparks award recipients was based on data from Coast Guard Business Intelligence, the Training Management Tool, Direct Access and the narratives submitted by competing Units and aligned by their results in the following performance measures:

- Overall strength (as a percentage of billets assigned).
- Quality of match (based on current personnel to billets).
- Percent of SERLES members who meet satisfactory IDT and ADT participation standards (scored individually).
- Percent of SERLES members with current medical and dental exams (scored individually).
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# Reserve Enlisted Person of the Year REPOY



The Reserve Enlisted Person of the Year (REPOY) is administered by the Office of the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard (MCPOCG) and recognizes the outstanding contributions to the Coast Guard by an enlisted member (E-2 to E-6) of the Coast Guard Reserve. Originally established by the Naval Enlisted Reserve Association (NERA) in 1984, the award was reorganized by the MCPOCG's office in 1995.

Nominations are solicited each winter by ALCOAST with nominees routed through the chain of command from District Gold Badge CMCs to the MCPOCG's office. Those selected best reflect the spirit of "pride, professionalism and dedication" and embody the Coast Guard core values. They also enhance the lives of others through community service. The cited performance should have occurred during the previous calendar year.

A panel that convenes in early spring selects the REPOY. In addition, an active duty Enlisted Person of the Year (EPOY), a new Coast Guard Auxiliarist of the Year, and two civilians are also selected and honored at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. held in late spring. For more information, see COMDTINST 1650.36 (Series).

**Ed's note:** *HS1 Victor M. Ramirez of MSU Port Arthur, Texas, was selected as the 2007 REPOY as we were going to press. He'll be featured in the next issue. "Where Are They Now? 20 Years of REPOY," was published in Issue 5-04 of The Reservist. A plaque with the names of all previous winners is posted in the Office of Reserve Affairs (CG-131) in the Jemal Riverside Headquarters Building in Washington, D.C.*



# Reserve Junior Officer of the Year ROJO

## 2007 CGR Outstanding Junior Officer CWO3 Harold M. “Monty” Willaford, PSU 305

WASHINGTON, D.C. — PSU 305’s CWO3 Harold “Monty” Willaford is the 25th recipient of the Coast Guard Reserve Outstanding Junior Officer award for Fiscal Year 2007.

This national award, first presented in 1983 and sponsored by the Reserve Officers Association, is based on notable contributions to the Coast Guard for the previous fiscal year, demonstrated leadership ability, exemplary performance of Coast Guard duties, and significant civic accomplishments.

Willaford serves as the Shoreside Security Division Chief for PSU 305, a position normally held by a more senior officer. His leadership of the Security Division was instrumental in his unit achieving a score of 97.2 percent at their most recent Tailored Unit Training Activity — Final Exercise Problem (TUTA-FEP).

Willaford completed the Unified Command course at Texas A&M University, is qualified to serve in any position in the National Incident Management System Incident Command Structure (NIMS-ICS), and is a member of two subcommittees of the Hampton Roads Area Maritime Security Committee. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland, the FBI Academy and earned a master’s degree at American Military University in Manassas, Va.

His civic accomplishments as a volunteer firefighter and sector captain of a “Clean the Bay” work crew have earned him the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

The award was presented to him during the ROA Mid-Winter Conference at the Coast Guard reception Feb. 11 in Washington, D.C. Award criteria were listed in ALCOAST 520/07 while ALCOAST 036/08 announced the winner and nominees.



**CWO3 Harold “Monty” Willaford, left, is presented with a CGR Outstanding Junior Officer plaque at the Coast Guard Congressional Reception held during the ROA Mid-Winter Conference in Washington, D.C. Feb. 11. Also shown are Willaford’s wife, Susan, and ADM Thad Allen, USCG Commandant.**



Willaford credited PSU 305’s Shoreside Security Division as instrumental in receiving this award.

“Filling sandbags, constructing defensive fighting positions, and manning entry control points in full battle regalia on a 100-degree day is exhausting work, but everyone knows their job and is committed to executing the mission,” said the Virginia native who was born in Richmond.

Willaford enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserve in 1985. He served at RU Milford Haven, RU Portsmouth-Detachment Yorktown, RU York River, and PSU 305. He deployed with PSU 305 to Panama in 1997 and Egypt in 1999. Prior to 9/11, he served as an instructor at Training Center Yorktown. In June 2001, he pinned on the shoulder boards of chief warrant officer.

As a civilian, he works at the Virginia Port Authority in Norfolk as Port Police Captain of Special Operations, ensuring compliance with MTSA regulations, managing the physical security and radiation detection programs, as well as the CBRNE detection and response program. Prior to that, he worked for the County of York County, Va. for 24 years as a firefighter (fire lieutenant, fire captain, battalion chief) and deputy sheriff/investigator (lieutenant and deputy sheriff – captain). In his spare time, he routinely spends time on the Outer Banks of North Carolina with his wife, Susan.

Eight days after 9/11, Willaford accepted an active duty position on the Commandant’s Protective Service Operation staff (under then-Commandant ADM James M. Loy). In “Protecting the Commandant,” an article published in the January 2002 *Reservist*, Willaford was asked about working long hours and the family separation the position required.

“Working at the PSU prepared me for many hardships,” Willaford responded. “When I first arrived at the PSU, Master Chiefs Bill Dikun and Wayne Miesen taught me to be ready for the worst and appreciate anything good that came my way. I focus completely on the job and give it 150 percent.”

Now, due to his extraordinary efforts over the long haul, something very good has come Willaford’s way — he is the Coast Guard Reserve’s Outstanding Junior Officer!

**Ed’s note:** “Where Are They Now,” 20 Years of Coast Guard Reserve Outstanding Junior Officers, was published in the January-March 2003 *Reservist*. A plaque with the names of all previous winners is posted in the Office of Reserve Affairs (CG-131) in the Jemal Riverside Headquarters Building in Washington, D.C.



# Reserve Affairs Family Readiness Award RAFRA

2007 Family Readiness Award Winner

## PSU 308

GULFPORT, Miss. — PSU 308 is the recipient of the Reserve Affairs Family Readiness Award (RAFRA) for FY2007. The award was presented to PSU 308 at a ceremony in the Pentagon's "Hall of Heroes" Feb. 15.

The Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs (OASD-RA) established the RAFRA in 2000 to recognize the top unit in each of the Reserve Components of the Armed Forces that demonstrates outstanding family readiness while maintaining superior mission readiness. The award is open to any Coast Guard unit with a Reserve workforce.

Thomas F. Hall, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, presented the award, an engraved commemorative plaque and a signed certificate of appreciation. The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) president, Vice Adm. Norb Ryan, USN(Ret.), presented each recipient organization with a \$1,000 check and a certificate.

"We have many ceremonies throughout the year, but this is by far my favorite because it's about families," said Hall. "We think family readiness, support of our families and support of the troops are the most important things we do."

PSU 308 demonstrated exceptional family readiness and support during their recent deployment to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Reestablishing their ombudsman program, they utilized two ombudsmen who partnered to provide exceptional service to the dependents of the 54 members who deployed. The ombudsmen kept families up to date with their "Shore Ties" newsletter and by opening lines of communication via phone and e-mail. Coordinating with family members, they hosted a homecoming event for the returning members of PSU 308, complete with gift baskets donated by local residents and businesses.

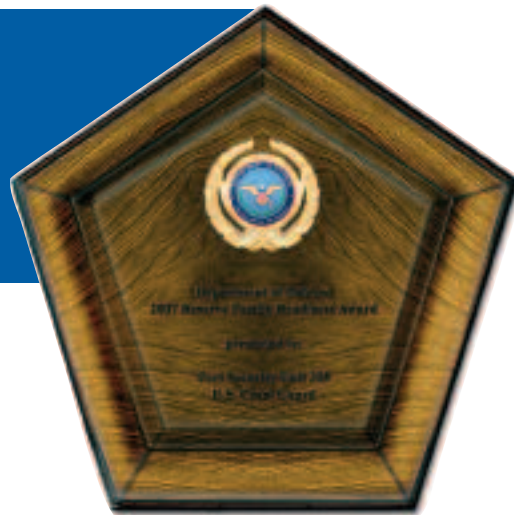
"Maintaining communications between deployed servicemembers and their families is important for morale," said Leslie Holland, a family-support coordinator for PSU 308.

Holland maintains a list of phone numbers that can be used to quickly contact deployed servicemembers' commands in case of family emergencies or other contingencies back home.

"Within a matter of minutes, we can get a message out to servicemembers at Guantanamo asking them to contact their families," said Holland.

ALCOAST 039/07 announced the winning Coast Guard unit. Congratulations to PSU 308 for their dedication to family support programs.

In addition to PSU 308, the other Reserve Component DoD RAFRA winners were: Army National Guard, 1st Battalion, 121st Field Artillery, Milwaukee, Wis.; Army Reserve, 108th Training Command, Charlotte, N.C.; Navy Reserve, Naval Air Systems Command (NASC-6066), Naval



Air Station Patuxent River, Md.; Marine Corps Reserve, 2nd Battalion, 24th Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Chicago, Ill.; Air National Guard, 144th Fighter Wing, Fresno, Calif.; Air Force Reserve, 944th Mission Support Flight, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

### Previous RAFRA winners

2007: PSU 308, Gulfport, Miss.  
2006: PSU 312, San Francisco, Calif.  
2005: PSU 307, St. Petersburg, Fla.  
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Photo by Gerry J. Gilmore.

**Leslie B. Holland, left, and Pamela K. Bannon are family-support coordinators for PSU 308 based in Gulfport, Miss. They were among seven Reserve component organizations that received the 2007 DoD Reserve Affairs Family Readiness Award at the Pentagon Feb. 15, 2008.**



# CAPT Edward R. Williams AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

The CAPT Edward R. Williams Award recognizes a Coast Guard Reserve officer, Reserve Chief Warrant Officer, or Reserve Program Administrator judged to be most supportive of initiatives to achieve, value and manage diversity in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Sponsored by the National Naval Officers Association and established in 1995, the Williams Award is named for a retired Reserve Program Administrator who was instrumental in the development, implementation and establishment of the Coast Guard mentoring program and the diversity staff.

Nominations are sought via ALCOAST (this year ALCOAST 133/08). Nomination packages should highlight activities that demonstrate a commitment to Coast Guard diversity including, but not limited to, acting as a mentor for minorities and/or women, promoting recruiting or retention of minorities and/or women, and increasing awareness of minority and/or women's issues and/or history in the Coast Guard.

Nominations for the 2007 award are due May 30, 2008 and should be in memo format, in 12-point type with one-inch

margins. Commandant (CG-13) convenes a selection panel and announces the results via ALCOAST. The winner is presented with the award at the NNOA National Conference, this year in Portsmouth, Va. July 23-25, 2008.

A plaque in the Office of Reserve Affairs at Headquarters lists all previous winners, including LCDR Ann M. Courtney, USCGR, who won the first year (1995).



## 2006 CAPT Edward R. Williams Award Winner

### LTJG David Fernandez Sector San Francisco

LTJG David Fernandez of Sector San Francisco was awarded the CAPT Edward R. Williams Coast Guard Reserve Award for Excellence last year and was honored at the annual National Naval Officers Association at the Naval Amphibious Base (NAB) in Coronado, Calif. during June 2007. Fernandez's citation read as follows:

"LTJG Fernandez is commended for his contributions to promote diversity in the Coast Guard Reserve. He is heavily involved in diversity-focused initiatives and is an active participant in the Association of Naval Service Officers (ANSO), the National Naval Officers Association (NNOA), and the Coast Guard Compass Diversity Program. He regularly updated his shipmates on diversity issues through presentations and a monthly newsletter column and has represented the Coast Guard Reserve at several regional and national events. He currently serves as the Sector San Francisco Reserve Diversity Programs Officer and has an impressive record of diversity mentoring, community outreach and minority recruiting."

Nominations are being sought for the 2008 Williams Award. For more information, see ALCOAST 133/08.



*ADM Thad Allen, USCG Commandant, presents LTJG David Fernandez with a plaque during the NNOA Conference last June.*

Photo courtesy LTJG David Fernandez, USCGR



# CGR Awards\*

| Unit Awards   |   |  |   |  |
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| Award Name  | Principal   | Pupose   | Criteria  | Process  |
| <b>ADM Russell R. Waesche Award</b>                   | Reserve Officers Association, established 1961.   | Named for WWII USCG Commandant, recognizes Districts and their cognizant ISC(s) for superior Reserve readiness.  | Subjective & objective measures; based on data from CG Business Intelligence (CGBI), TMT & Direct Access.   | Announced by ALCOAST in autumn. Winner recognized at ROA Mid-Winter Conference, Washington, D.C.   |
| <b>RADM Bennett "Bud" Sparks Award</b>                | Reserve Officers Association, established 1991, as "Total Force Award."   | Renamed in 1993 for CGR's RADM Sparks who served from 1942-89, recognizes Coast Guard unit most supportive of totally integrated Coast Guard force.  | Subjective & objective measures; based on exceptional Reserve management and readiness as measured by data from CG Business Intelligence (CGBI), TMT & Direct Access. | Announced by ALCOAST in spring. Winner recognized at ROA National Convention in summer, location varies.   |
| <b>Reserve Affairs Family Readiness Award (RAFRA)</b> | Office of the Asst. Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs (OASD-RA), established 2000.   | Recognizes top unit in each Reserve component demonstrating outstanding family support while maintaining superior mission readiness.   | Open to Coast Guard units with a Reserve work force.  | Announced by ALCOAST in autumn. Winner recognized at Pentagon ceremony, usually mid-February.  |
| Individual Awards                                     |   |  |   |  |
| Award Name  | Principal   | Pupose   | Criteria  | Process  |
| <b>Reserve Outstanding Junior Officer (ROJO)</b>      | Reserve Officers Association, established 1983.   | This award recognizes notable contributions to the USCG by a USCGR officer or CWO (O-3 or below on IDPL).  | Demonstrated leadership ability, exemplary performance of Coast Guard duties and civic accomplishments.   | Announced by ALCOAST in autumn. Winner recognized at ROA Mid-Winter Conference, Washington, D.C.   |
| <b>Reserve Enlisted Person of the Year (REPOY)</b>    | Office of the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard (MCPOCG), established by Naval Enlisted Reserve Association in 1984; reorganized by MCPOCG in 1995. | This award recognizes outstanding contributions to the USCG by an enlisted member (E-2 to E-6) of the CGR. Winner selected in conjunction with active duty EPOY.   | Reflects spirit of "pride, professionalism and dedication" and embodies the Coast Guard core values. Enhances life of others through community service.               | Announced by ALCOAST during winter. Nominees sent from District Gold Badge CMCs to MCPOCG's office. Winners recognized at "Honors Ceremony" in Washington, D.C., in late spring. |
| <b>CAPT Edward R. Williams Award for Excellence</b>   | National Naval Officers Association, established in 1995.   | Named for CGR RPA CAPT Williams who was integral in establishing USCG Diversity staff & mentoring program, recognizes Reserve officer, Reserve CWO or RPA most supportive of initiatives to achieve, value and manage diversity in USCG. | Notable contributions to diversity: mentoring, recruiting, retention and increasing awareness of minorities and women's issues and/or history in the USCG.            | Announced by ALCOAST. Unit nominations sent to CG-131. Winner recognized at NNOA National Convention, in summer, location varies.  |

\* Always refer to the solicitation message for that year's specific criteria and process procedures. Award criteria can change and may not be reflected in the Medals & Awards Manual. All six awards listed are presented annually. For more info, contact CWO4 Greg Hunton, Commandant (CG-131), 202-475-5461, Greg.PHunton@uscg.mil.



*During 2008, The Reservist is spotlighting each of the Coast Guard's nine districts with short, informative articles. These district "visits" began in Alaska/D17 in Issue 2-08. Now, we've moved south and west to Hawaii – home of the Coast Guard's 14th District.*



**Aloha!!**

and welcome to the Coast Guard's 14th District! When the Revenue Cutter LAWRENCE sailed into Honolulu Harbor in 1849, it marked the beginning of a Coast Guard presence in the Pacific. More 100 years later, on Aug. 20, 1959, Hawaii became the USA's 50th state and will celebrate its 50th birthday in 2009.

Encompassing more than 12 million square miles of land and sea, the 14th District is the largest geographic command in the Coast Guard, stretching from the Hawaiian Islands to Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands and other Pacific islands. This area of responsibility is two and a half times larger than the Continental United States. The Hawaiian Archipelago consists of over 130 scattered points of land stretching some 1,600 miles in length from the Kure Atol in the north to the Island of Hawaii in the south. The state of Hawaii's eight main islands include: Niihau, Kauai, Oahu, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, Kahoolawe and the big island of Hawaii.

The 14th District's Headquarters and ISC Honolulu are in the state capital, Honolulu, located on Oahu. RADM Sally Brice-O'Hara is currently serving as D14 Commander (RDML Manson K. Brown is transferring in this summer).

The D14 Commander, who lives at Diamond Head Lighthouse, is also the Coast Guard Pacific Area's Deputy Commander for East Asia-Pacific engagement and fosters working relationships and partnerships with sea-going services of other Pacific-rim countries. RDML Paul F. Zukunft serves as Director, Joint Interagency Task Force West, the U.S. Pacific Command's executive agent for planning and conducting counter-drug strategy in an area of operations covering over 105 million square miles. The D14 Senior Reserve Officer is CAPT Jack Laufer, D14 Command Master Chief is MCPO Dale M. Potvin and the Reserve CMC is MCPO Guy Pasco.

The 14th is divided into two sectors: Sector Honolulu and Sector Guam. There are 22 shore units spread throughout with locations in American Samoa, Saipan, Guam, Singapore, Japan and Hawaii. Among these units are three boat stations, located at Honolulu, Kauai and Maui, MSST 91107 and Air Station Barbers Point. The district has eight aircraft (four C-130s and four HH-65s) and 11 cutters, including two WHECs, three WLBs and several patrol boats. D14's fleet of buoy tenders and personnel from the Aids to Navigation Team based on Sand Island maintain more than 500 navigational aids and light the islands by maintaining seven lighthouses throughout the Hawaiian Archipelago. Recruiting Office Honolulu is in Aiea, Oahu, while Recruiting Office Guam is in Tamuning. A Communication Station is located at Wahiawa, Hawaii.

Today, more than 1,500 active duty, reserve, civilian and auxiliaries work in D14. The breakdown is as follows: Active Duty, 1,250; Selected Reservists, 200; Auxiliary, 400; Civilians, 125. More than 300 active duty and reserve retired Coast Guard personnel call D14 home.

The men and women of Team Hawaii carry out a variety of Coast Guard missions including safety, marine and environmental protection, maritime law enforcement, waterways management and national defense. Search and rescue operations in and around the Hawaiian Islands are coordinated by the Sector Honolulu Operations Center at Sand Island. The Joint Rescue Coordination Center (JRCC) in Honolulu responds to calls for assistance from all around the Pacific and directs available assets to help with search and rescue. Those available assets can be aircraft from Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point, or some other available military platform, or even a good samaritan vessel. During FY2007, D14 had more than 550 SAR cases (JRCC, 159; Sector Guam, 149; Sector Honolulu, 273). There were 300 lives saved and 500 lives assisted. More than \$15 million in property was protected.

Marine Safety Detachments in American Samoa and Saipan inspect American-flagged ships and others destined for American ports. Each of these units respond and work to prevent oil spills and other hazards to the marine environment. The Marine

Inspection Office in Japan and its detachment in Singapore inspect American flag vessels operating in Asia and the Indian subcontinent as far east as Diego Garcia.

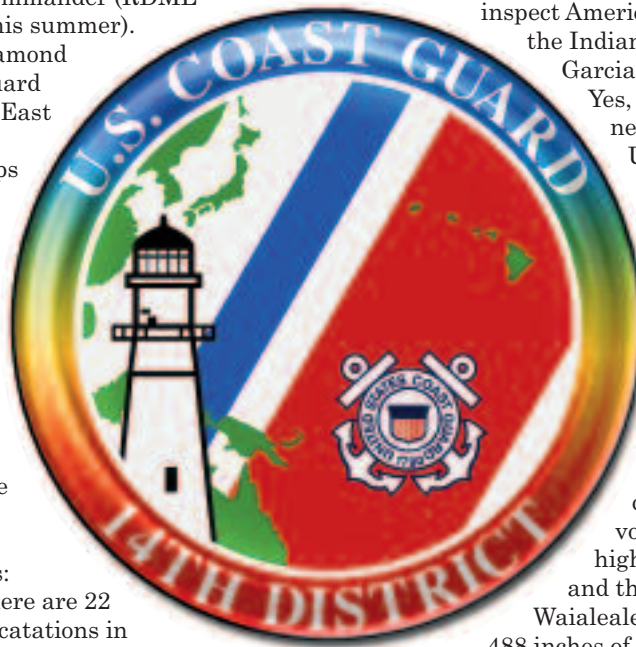
Yes, Hawaii is warm and tropical but it never reaches 100 degrees like mainland USA. The warmest temperature ever recorded is 96 degrees Fahrenheit at Honolulu Airport. Conversely, it rarely dips below 60 degrees. Visitors are drawn to D14, particularly Hawaii by its warm climate, but also because of its unique attractions. It's the only U.S. state to grow coffee, can boast one-third of the world's commercial supply of pineapples, has the world's largest wind generator on Oahu and contains the world's largest dormant volcano, Haleakala Crater. The world's highest sea cliffs are located on Molokai, and the wettest spot on the planet is

Waialeale Mountain on Kauai, which averages 488 inches of rain per year. Iolani Palace is the only

royal palace in the United States. Lanai boasts one of the best diving spots in the world — Hulope Bay — while the island was once the home of the world's largest pineapple plantations. Kilauea Iki is the world's most active and largest volcano, Mauna Kea is the tallest mountain in the world (measured from its base at the ocean floor), while the world's biggest telescope is located here. It's the world leader in harvesting macadamia nuts and orchids. The Parker Ranch near Kamuela is the largest contiguous ranch in the United States.

With all these wonderful attributes, including great weather, it's no wonder the military's Hale Koa Resort on Honolulu's Waikiki Beach is a great place for a little rest and relaxation (R&R). But even if you have to work, D14 isn't too bad a place to wear Coast Guard blue either.

For more information, check the D14 Web site: [www.uscg.mil/d14/](http://www.uscg.mil/d14/).





# ISC HONOLULU (FOT) HAWAII

ISC Honolulu Force Optimization and Training Branch (FOT) shop is located in the beautiful tropical islands of Hawaii. It is staffed with six active duty members, two reservists and two civilians (see photo). ISC Honolulu (FOT)'s mission is to provide premier Pacific service to customers in the 14th Coast Guard District area of responsibility in Educational Services, Training Funds Management, Career Development and Workforce Augmentation.

Not only is everyone busy and very proactive in their day-to-day jobs, but as a team, they enjoy coordinating events with other units as well as getting together outside the office doing team-building projects on their off time. About once a month, they enjoy trying out new restaurants, going to the movies and taking hikes. Their next team building adventure is skydiving! Here is a little information about each staff member:

## • LT Brandi

**Marquardt** became a Reserve Program Administrator in 2005 and was assigned as FOT Branch Chief at ISC Honolulu. While managing the staff and their many duties, she provides training to all commands, active duty and reservists within the AOR. She provides direction to ensure reservists are training for mobilization, their primary responsibility, and provides guidance on myriad of issues. Marquardt is the assignment officer for all D14 reservists.

## • CWO Rick

**Alumbaugh** is the Training Officer for ISC Honolulu. He created and continues to manage the new General Mandated Training (GMT) University for D14 units. He introduced GMTU to other Coast Guard districts and implementation is spreading. He also coordinates other training courses for D14 units while managing a \$200K training budget. Alumbaugh has 28 years of Coast Guard experience.

• **SCPO Tim Macon** enlisted in the Coast Guard after serving two years in the Army National Guard as a Blackhawk Helicopter Mechanic. He is currently the Career Development Advisor (CDA) to 25 different units located in D14. Macon provides information on many topics including goal setting, mentoring, Individual Development Plans, officer programs for enlisted members, USMAP, Service Wide Exam requirements and education programs and benefits.

• **YNC Larry Ewing** is the Reserve Enlisted Manager for D14 as well as coordinator for all TDY solicitations. His job includes

enlisted assignments, budget management, training and providing guidance to units on Reserve management issues, reviewing CPRL competencies, and maintaining a monthly Reserve newsletter. Chief Ewing has 16 years of military experience including four years with the Army.

• **YN2 John Ridgeway** is the go-to yeoman for all Reserve issues within D14. He assists units and reservists with all orders, IDT berthing, tracks budget reports and provides the District Commander with a monthly participation report. He is a member of the D14 honor guard and is Partnership in Education coordinator for ISC Honolulu.

• **YN2 Lena Mahi** is ISC Honolulu's Training Petty Officer. She maintains 200 personnel electronic records using the Training Management Tool (TMT) and manages training funds for D14 units. She provides training to commands and assists members applying for work-related schools or conferences. Mahi also attends college at Hawaii Pacific University and is working toward a degree in finance.

• **YN2 Valerie Kahikina** and **YN3 Twila Chun** are both reservists assigned to ISC Honolulu (FOT). They assist in entering GMT data through TMT, running the Reserve participation report, approving purchase requests, assisting other reservists with training requests and coordinating administration days for

all ISC Honolulu reservists. As a civilian, YN2 Kahikina is a flight attendant for Hawaii Airlines while YN3 Chun works for Kaiser Permanente.

• **Dr. Donna Duellberg** is the first Education Service Specialist to serve in D14. She gives all military tests, approves and processes tuition assistance requests, coordinates college fairs, visits and assists all D14 units, trains collateral duty ESOs and continually provides educational counseling to all Coast Guard members and dependents. She has also worked as a contractor for documentary films and teaches college classes on her off time. She has two master's degrees and a doctorate earned from Boston University.

• **Mr. John Felter** is the first Education Service Officer (ESO) in D14, who recently departed for Alaska to work with the Army. His hobbies include world travel and carpentry, and one of his favorite projects was building a 21-foot sailboat in Dubai, UAE and sailing it in the Persian Gulf.



*ISC Honolulu FOT staff, front row, left to right: Dr. Donna Duellberg, LT Brandi Marquardt, and YN2 Valerie Kahikina. Back row, l to r: YNC Larry Ewing, YN2 Lena Mahi, CWO Rick Alumbaugh, MSTCS Tim Macon, YN2 John Ridgeway, and Mr. John Felter. Not pictured: YN3 Twila Chun. Photo courtesy LT Brandi Marquardt, ISC Honolulu(FOT)*



*CAREER SPEAK is a six-part series being published throughout 2008 by The Reservist in support of a broader Reserve Junior Officer (RJO) Career Management Program initiative. The series discusses successful career strategies and important how-to's in managing your Reserve career. Enlisted members are also encouraged to read this series to gain insight, especially if considering the Selected Reserve Direct Commission program in the future. The first part, entitled, "Are YOU Running Your Career?" was published in Issue 2-08. Part two, published here, addresses many of the characteristics and behaviors necessary for a successful Reserve Junior Officer (RJO) mentoring relationship.*

## Part 2: A Four-Step Process to Successful Mentoring

By CAPT Michael Price, USCGR  
Division Chief, Coast Guard Personnel Command (CGPC-rpm)

**T**he word "mentor" is defined in the Random House College Dictionary as "a wise and trusted counselor."

Some of the key organizational benefits of effective mentoring include: the development of human assets, greater retention and the transfer of tacit knowledge.

On an individual level, those benefits are realized for both the mentee and mentor when they serve in their roles effectively and with true passion.

Surely, you know one or more Senior Reserve Officers (SROs) who has that "special" gift to share and communicate with Reserve Junior Officers (RJOs). Others need some practice and role modeling in the ways to become more effective mentors. For the RJO, or protégé, it is important to make a proper mentor match. Finding compatible working styles, personal characteristics, behaviors and temperaments upfront are keys to a successful mentor equation.

If you are to take on the mentee (protégé) role, you must be ready to invest the time and commitment required for success. Once you have made the commitment to be mentored, you must address the often-touchy subject of how both your mentor and you conduct yourselves as effective partners. You both MUST "walk the talk" together. It is critical that you seriously consider and respect the mentor's time, counsel and special career guidance offered.

### Step 1:

#### Gaining Knowledge, Trust and Confidence Early On

A successful protégé sets the standards for "victory" high. You make yourself accessible to your mentor; in other words, you are ready and willing to invest the time and energy required. You plan out and orchestrate self-development exercises by steering your mentor onto important and germane career goals you have set for yourself. Volunteering yourself for new projects and career enhancing teams often opens up the door for establishing new skills, competencies, talents and being sought-out for challenging jobs. Other vital characteristics to look for in selecting a compatible mentor are:

- Respected reserve senior officer within your own organization.
- Has good people-development skills — that is, he or she is a great listener.
- Expresses empathy for RJOs and has a track record as an effective goal setter.
- Facilitates counseling and nurturing throughout the process.
- Understands how you, the protégé, learns best; through discussion, experience and/or

training.

- Has knowledge/access/desire to use available online mentoring support tools (Coast Guard web-assisted mentoring program).
- Establishes and maintains total trust, respect, and confidentiality in all written and/or oral communications.
- Avoids using their own performance as a yardstick to measure your growth.

**"Don't put yourself in the position where you look back 10 years from now and sadly realize, 'If only I had employed mentors to help me develop my career, I would be so much farther along.' Instead, go for it now, and reap the personal and professional benefits of mentoring!"**



- Understands the necessary balance between your work/career/family.

This is a long list, and it is doubtful that you will ever find a single person who embodies all these characteristics as the perfect mentor. Yet many reserve senior officers fit this general description and have been ideal mentors in the past.

## Step 2:

### Establishing Goals and Applying Online Tools, Strategies and Measurements for Success

Protégés look to mentors as role models of sustained high performance and leadership success. You should learn as much, if not more, from observing your mentor than from what your mentor tells you. Successful mentors initially shorten the distance between mentor and protégé, that is, they are skilled at putting you inside the larger picture of reserve career management. Ask your mentor to explain what worked and what didn't as he/she climbed their own reserve career ladder. Seek mutual agreement on all goals, expectations and timelines.

Both protégé and mentor are strongly encouraged to begin their bonding discussions by registering online on the web-based open mentoring site, <http://learning.uscg.mil.mentoring/>. This valuable tool is a simple self-paced workbook resource that will help you through the process of selecting the appropriate mentor to fit your needs. Additionally, it focuses on the intangible elements of mentoring relationships, those factors that make up the personal, human pieces of mentoring. The Coast Guard web-assisted mentoring program will provide you insight into the pros and cons of various career options and paths. It can also serve as a support tool in the transition to a new role or location. The tool will also provide you with constructive and positive feedback on professional and personal development areas. Finally it will allow you to accelerate training and development. Sign on today and create your own protégé profile. Mentors have their own Coast Guard web-assisted mentoring program workbook section giving the mentor a renewed enthusiasm for their role as an expert in developing and supporting career goals and aspirations.

## Step 3:

### Measuring Success From Year to Year

The protégé should establish a top ten list of initiatives to accomplish in any one year with joint quarterly progress review sessions. Separate out learning initiatives from tactical initiatives. Learning means reading, studying and applying key educational opportunities. Tactical means applying and practicing the use of newly acquired skills and competencies. Setting completion timelines and milestones are critical. State exactly what is being measured. If it is acquiring new job related competencies, skills, talents and knowledge, give yourself enough time to reach a basic level of proficiency and expertise. Have your mentor test and validate your competency level with exercises designed to confirm your acquired level of expertise.

## Step 4:

### Market and Promote Your New Protégé Career Marketing Plan

You are your own career marketing guru. Never be passive

about marketing your new skills, experiences, competencies, leadership capabilities and accomplishments. Make them part of your personnel record. Ask your mentor about the value of adding a "communications" letter to your personnel record highlighting any new competencies, skills, or job-related abilities/experiences you have mastered. Promotion boards use every little tidbit of information about you and your new abilities gained from the mentoring or training experience. After all, if not you, who is going to spread the good word about the progress you have made toward becoming "fully/best qualified?"

## In Summary

Don't put yourself in the position where you look back 10 years from now and sadly realize, "If only I had employed mentors to help me develop my career, I would be so much farther along." Instead, go for it now, and reap the personal and professional benefits of mentoring!

## Semper Paratus!

**About the Author:** Captain Price is the Chief, Reserve Personnel Management Division within the Coast Guard Personnel Command. As Division Chief, he executes delivery of centralized human resource administrative services for 8,100 Selected Reservists (SELRES), 2,000 Individual Ready Reservists (IRR) and a 3,100-member Standby Reserve force. His service in the Coast Guard Selected Reserve began in 1975 and he was selected an RPA in 1983.

## Helpful Hints

Here are some things to keep in mind for both the mentor and mentee:

- The "boss" should never be a mentor.
- Long distance relationships are complicated, stressful and impersonal but sometimes necessary for both parties. Early bonding and trust helps close the distance.
- Select a mentor that understands the essential nuances of gender, race and organizational culture.
- More than one mentor is ok. You may need a generalist career mentor and a second mentor for acquiring a specific competency.





## In Brief

### • CALENDAR YEAR 2008 TITLE 14 RESERVE RECALL —

The Secretary of Homeland Security has granted the Coast Guard blanket pre-approval to recall reservists under the authority of USC 712 for the 2008 calendar year. This authority ensures the Coast Guard Reserve is ready to respond quickly to "All Threats, All Hazards." The pre-approval authorizes the Commandant to involuntarily recall up to 1,500 reservists to "aid in prevention or response to an imminent catastrophe, act of terrorism, or transportation security incident." ALCOAST 062/08 puts reservists on notice that an involuntary recall could happen at any time. All reservists and their units are charged with ensuring the highest level of individual readiness. Reservists recalled under Title 14 may be issued orders for up to 60 days. This authority remains in effect until Dec. 31, 2008. For more info, see ALCOAST 062/08 and/or contact LT Richard Lavigne, Richard.J.Lavigne2@uscg.mil

### • CGC STORIS MUSEUM —

The former CGC STORIS is slated to become a floating museum in Juneau, Alaska. It will be a museum for all of Alaska's maritime history including the Coast Guard and Revenue Cutter Service. Project organizers are currently looking for any historical information and artifacts for the new museum. Contact: Jim Loback, 714-968-8964,



[www.storismuseum.org](http://www.storismuseum.org).

### • OPERATION PURPLE SUMMER CAMPS —

The National Military Family Association (NMFA) is sponsoring a free summer camp program to support military children dealing with the stress of war. This year NMFA's Operation Purple Camps will host children at 64 locations in 36 states and territories. Information about specific camp locations is available on their website at <http://www.operationpurple.com/>. Interested families can sign-up to receive email notices and announcements on the website. Families are encouraged to apply to the location closest to their home as transportation costs are not covered. Each camp is "purple" and open to children of any member of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration plus the National Guard and Reserve. Camps are free to all participants thanks to a partnership with the Sierra Club and the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation. For more information on NMFA, visit <http://www.nmfa.org/>

• **CAPE MAY TOURS** — Since 9/11, new regulations restrict who can tour Training Center Cape May, N.J. As it stands now, tours are available for military groups, boy/girl scout groups and individuals interested in joining the Coast Guard. For information, contact CWO Veronica Bandrowsky, 609-898-6969, [veronica.c.bandrowsky@uscg.mil](mailto:veronica.c.bandrowsky@uscg.mil).

• **DD-214 ONLINE** — The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) is working to make it easier for veterans with Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of a DD-214 for employment purposes. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online Web site. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service by eliminating the records center's mailroom and processing time. The Web site is: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>.

• **LOOKING FOR GOOD CGR PHOTOS** — The Reservist routinely features large two-page photos on the front pages of the magazine. However, we are always on the lookout for Reserve-related photos for future issues. Please e-mail your high resolution photos (roughly 2mb or larger in size) to [TheReservist@uscg.mil](mailto:TheReservist@uscg.mil)

• **COAST GUARD CASUALTIES, 1950-54** — Researcher seeking knowledge/data regarding Coast Guard active duty casualties during the period June 1950 to July 1954 (Korean War timeframe). Any information/details (including natural deaths, but excluding aviation accidents) will be appreciated. Please forward to: B.C. James, P.O. Box 871, Floral City, FL 34436-0871.

• **NEW WEB SITE** — Free classifieds, buy/sell homes, autos and more among military members and civilians. Check out [www.militaryseller.com](http://www.militaryseller.com). BM1 Jason Trexler, USCG, who understands the unique needs of military personnel, started the site. (*The U.S. Coast Guard does not endorse this Web site; this is published as a service to our readers*).

• **ELECTION YEAR REMINDER** — ALCOAST 020/08 outlines the "dos and don'ts" that Coast Guard members should be aware of especially during the 2008 campaign/election year. As a matter of long-standing policy, the Coast Guard does not engage in, or support any activities that could be interpreted as associating our service with any particular candidate, political party, organization or partisan political issue. Please see ALCOAST 020/08 for details.

### • BACK ISSUES ARCHIVE —

Want to read about what was going on in your Coast Guard Reserve in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s? Now you can! An ongoing archiving project is underway to place all issues on line. Two issues per workday are being added to the ever-expanding archive (.pdf format) and the project is currently up to the mid-1970s (over 200 back issues total so far). The magazine began in November 1953 as a four-page newsletter. Check it out at: [www.uscg.mil/reservist](http://www.uscg.mil/reservist).





# Upcoming Events

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## APRIL 2008

• **COAST GUARD MUTUAL ASSISTANCE ANNUAL CAMPAIGN** — The 2008 campaign is set for the month of April. Reservists will be contacted during the campaign. However, contributions may be made at any time. For info, call 1-800-881-2462; Web: [www.cgmahq.org](http://www.cgmahq.org).



## MAY 2008

• **PSU 305 OPEN HOUSE** — The command and crew of Port Security Unit 305 located at Fort Eustis, Va. welcomes all members, past and present, and their families to an open house on Saturday, May 17 from noon-4 p.m. The unit will provide activities for the family, tours of the facility, food, refreshments and camaraderie. Anyone interested in attending, please contact YN1 Jarrett Swann, [Jarrett.L.Swann@uscg.mil](mailto:Jarrett.L.Swann@uscg.mil) or 757-878-5922, x227 by April 30, 2008.

• **SOLAR CUP 2008:** The Nation's largest solar boat program is a seven-month program that begins in the fall, in which high school teams totaling about 900 students build and race solar-powered boats at Lake Skinner, in Temecula Valley, Calif. They learn about conservation of natural resources, electrical and mechanical engineering, problem solving and much more. This year will be the first year that "Team Coast Guard" will be taking an active part in assisting at the May 16-18 race events. Qualifying events are Friday, May 16. Endurance races using solar energy collection panels are Saturday, May 17. Sprint races using energy stored in batteries, and awards ceremony, are Sunday, May 18. Admission is free. For info:

[www.mwdh2o.com/mwdh2o/pages/education/solar\\_cup\\_01.html](http://www.mwdh2o.com/mwdh2o/pages/education/solar_cup_01.html) and/or contact: YNC Doris Telles at: [tellesdoris@yahoo.com](mailto:tellesdoris@yahoo.com)

• **CAPE MAY SUNSET PARADES** — The commanding officer of Training Center Cape May, N.J. invites all military and civilian members, families and friends of the Coast Guard to attend four sunset parades, starting on May 25, 2008. The training center will also be celebrating its 60th anniversary on May 25. The sunset parade schedule for 2008 is as follows: Sunday, May 25 at 7:44 p.m.; Sunday, July 6 at 8:03 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 3 at 7:58 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. For information, contact CWO Veronica Bandrowsky, 609-898-6969, [veronica.c.bandrowsky@uscg.mil](mailto:veronica.c.bandrowsky@uscg.mil).

• **MAY OBSERVANCES** — Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 17; National Safe Boating Week, May 17-23 (for more info, see: [www.safeboatingcouncil.org](http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org)); Chief Petty Officers 88th Birthday, Sunday, May 18; Memorial Day, Monday, May 26.

## JUNE 2008

• **ROA 2008 NATIONAL CONVENTION** — June 25-28, Marriott Marquis, Atlanta, Ga. For info, call 202-479-2200, Web: [www.roa.org](http://www.roa.org).

• **CG AUXILIARY BIRTHDAY** — Please wish your fellow Coast Guard Auxiliarists a "Happy 69th Birthday" on Monday, June 23, 2008! The Auxiliary, now 28,000 members strong, was originally called the Coast Guard Reserve when formed in 1939. Web: [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org).

## JULY 2008

### • 36TH ANNUAL CGHQ INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

— The 2008 tournament is set for July 9-12 at The Homestead in Hot Springs, Va. ([www.thehomestead.com](http://www.thehomestead.com)). It is open to all Coast Guard active duty, reserve, civilians, retirees, auxiliarists, dependents and guests. Tournament includes a team scramble event on July 9 followed by three days of individual stroke play. Package includes three nights lodging, cookout, evening receptions, and an awards banquet buffet. Low and high handicappers are welcomed alike! The tournament usually draws about 120 participants, who are placed into six to seven flights following the second medal round on Friday. Deadline for sign up is May 15, 2008. Contact: Dr. Mike Parnarouskis, [mikep1121@comcast.net](mailto:mikep1121@comcast.net) or CDR Austin J Gould, [austin.j.gould@uscg.mil](mailto:austin.j.gould@uscg.mil), 410-576-2547.



• **U.S. COAST GUARD FESTIVAL** — Friday, July 25 – Sunday, Aug. 3 in Grand Haven, Mich., Coast Guard City USA! Parade and fireworks are on Saturday, Aug. 2. For info, contact: Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival, 113 N. Second Street, Grand Haven, MI 49417; 1-888-207-2434; E-mail: [support@coastguardfest.org](mailto:support@coastguardfest.org) Web: [www.coastguardfest.org](http://www.coastguardfest.org)

## AUGUST 2008

• **40TH ANNUAL USCG CPO CONVENTION** — Aug. 17-22, Marriott Houston North at Greenspoint, Houston, Texas. Contact: AETCM Tim Sheffler, 67 Flowerwood Drive, Falling Waters, WV 25419, 504-232-7856, [cpoa.conv@yahoo.com](mailto:cpoa.conv@yahoo.com). Web: [www.uscgcpoa.org/](http://www.uscgcpoa.org/).

## NOVEMBER 2008

### • 2008 USCG INNOVATION EXPO

— Nov. 17-20, at Virginia Beach Convention Center, Virginia Beach, Va. For more info, contact Mr. Frederick L. Hooghouse, CG-0931, 202-372-4579, FAX: 202-372-4976, [Frederick.L.Hooghouse@uscg.mil](mailto:Frederick.L.Hooghouse@uscg.mil).



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## Reunions / Retirements

## AUGUST 2008

• **POINT ALLERTON STATION-HULL, Mass.** — Saturday Aug. 2, 10 a.m. Contact: CWO4 Robert A. Buotte, 1854 Sun Gazer Dr., Viera, FL 32955, [cwo4bob@aol.com](mailto:cwo4bob@aol.com), 321-632-4639 or Elmer J. Borsos, 103 County Road 12, Adena, OH 43901, [eborsos@aol.com](mailto:eborsos@aol.com), 740-546-3850.

## SEPTEMBER 2008

• **USCGC CAMPBELL ASSOC. W-32 & W-909** — 23rd annual, Sept. 8-12, Stonecastle Hotel, Branson, Mo. Contact: Gordon Bell, 723 Spring Lane, Lansdale, PA 19446, 215-393-6195, [CaptBell@comcast.net](mailto:CaptBell@comcast.net) or [USGCCCAMPBELLW32@comcast.net](mailto:USGCCCAMPBELLW32@comcast.net). See Web site for details and reservations: [www.campbellw32w909.org](http://www.campbellw32w909.org)

• **RESERVE UNIT SAGINAW, Mich.** — Will hold its third annual reunion Saturday, Sept. 27, at RM2 Howard "Fuzzy" Walker's retirement cottage at Skidway Lake, Mich. Contact: MKCM James Kozuch, USCGR(Ret.), [masterchiefk@charter.net](mailto:masterchiefk@charter.net), 865-977-1902(h), 865-368-5550(c).

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**Ed's note: Send your Upcoming Event or Reunion notice to: [TheReservist@uscg.mil](mailto:TheReservist@uscg.mil).**



# Advancements

*Reserve Enlisted Advancements effective Feb. 1, 2008 from Enlisted Reserve Advancement Announcement (ERAA) No. 2-08, ALCGRSV 002/08 (R 231554Z JAN 08):*

## Boatswain's Mate (BM)

BMC B W RAY  
BMC J P MCCHESENEY  
BMC J J MURPHY  
BMC J A SCHNARS  
BMC A E LAPLANTE  
BM1 C J BARNETT  
BM1 D H SCHNEIDER  
BM2 J M SHRIVER  
BM2 C A HUNT  
BM2 S J SANDERS  
BM2 M R PAYNE  
BM2 A J BERNHARD  
BM2 C A WALLACE  
BM3 F T CAMPBELL

## Damage Controlman (DC)

DC1 G H NELSON  
DC2 V A BUDZAK  
DC2 D R SUCHMAN

## Investigator (IV)

IVC J C VITO

## Machinery Technician (MK)

MKCM M S MOORE  
MKCS J W JACOBS  
MKC J A COTHREN  
MKC I E TOBIAS  
MKC R P ZIEGENGEIST  
MK2 G O DERRICKSON  
MK2 V W SALASSI  
MK2 A J PARTLOW

MK2 D J FENCER  
MK2 E C SCHLUETER  
MK2 W A COOK  
MK2 T D SALTRESE

## Operations Specialist (OS)

OS1 M A BERG  
OS2 T S MILLS  
OS2 E N PAPINEAU  
OS2 J H CLIFFORD

## Port Security Specialist (PS)

PSC H S HILL  
PSC B L ROZEK

## Storekeeper (SK)

SK1 W LANE  
SK2 W CABREJA

## Yeoman (YN)

YNC B E JOHNSON  
YNC K B VALENZUELA

*Reserve Enlisted Advancements effective March 1, 2008 from Enlisted Reserve Advancement Announcement (ERAA) No. 3-08, ALCGRSV 008/08 (R 211929Z FEB 08):*

## Boatswain's Mate (BM)

BM2 B S PRESTON  
BM2 A H RUSK  
BM2 B D MEYER  
BM2 I M HOWELL  
BM2 W J POERTNER

## Electrician's Mate (EM)

EM1 R S LEIPHART

## Food Service Specialist (FS)

FS2 H H HUYNH

## Investigator (IV)

IVCS C R FREDERKING  
IVC R R HERNANDEZ

## Machinery Technician (MK)

MKC D A SOHLSTROM  
MK1 C D MCGROARY  
MK2 E K AIELLO  
MK2 P H GERTSCH  
MK2 G E AMON  
MK2 K D CHRISTENSEN  
MK2 C E BEATTIE  
MK2 J A MATOS  
MK2 M C GROSSMAN

## Operations Specialist (OS)

OS1 W C GOETZ  
OS2 B M LANDIS  
OS2 K L KLIMECK

## Port Security Specialist (PS)

PSCS A S HEARING  
PSC T L WIMMER  
PSC J G BURT

## Storekeeper (SK)

SKC C L GANDY  
SK1 J R JASMIN  
SK1 S M FARLEY

## Yeoman (YN)

YNC B M MCGOURLEY

*Reserve Enlisted Advancements effective April 1, 2008 from Enlisted Reserve Advancement Announcement (ERAA) No. 4-08, ALCGRSV 011/08:*

## Boatswain's Mate (BM)

BM2 J J OLSEN  
BM2 C H BIED  
BM2 S J RATTAY  
BM2 J B MCCUBBIN  
BM2 B J CURLETT  
BM2 L N CLARK

## Food Service Specialist (FS)

FS2 J N DAILEY

## Machinery Technician (MK)

MKC C A YOUNKERS  
MK1 D L ALRED  
MK2 C L CONNOR  
MK2 D T SIMS  
MK2 D E LOWE  
MK2 A J WANDELT  
MK2 N P GRANT  
MK2 J D CARRAWAY  
MK2 M P KOTOWSKI

## Marine Science Technician (MST)

MSTC C T KING

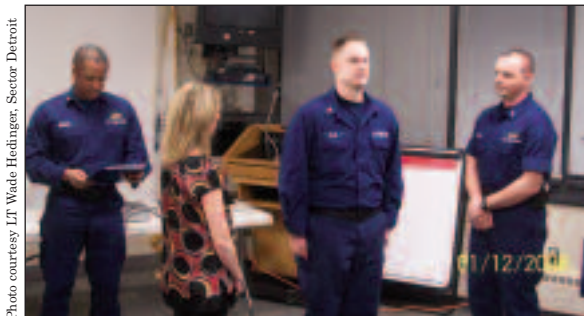
## Operations Specialist (OS)

OS1 J C DELLAROSA

## Port Security Specialist (PS)

PSCS S P WILDERMUTH

*These ERAA, including unit designations, are available on PSC's Web site: <http://cgweb.psc.uscg.mil/adv/eraa-web.xls>. Questions should be directed to YNC Rony Harden, 785-339-3410, [rony.harden@uscg.mil](mailto:rony.harden@uscg.mil).*



*LCDR Scott Benson, left, reads the advancement certificate during the pinning ceremony of PS1 Bradley S. Clair, second from right. Clair was pinned E-6 by his wife, Whitney Clair, second from left, and LTJG John Elkins, right, Jan. 12, 2008 at Sector Detroit, Mich. Clair has four-plus years service in the Coast Guard and Reserve.*



*PSC David Greenway, left, is presented with an E-7 advancement certificate by RADM John Acton, USCGR, at a Sector Buffalo, N.Y. All Hands Oct. 20, 2007.*



*MKCM Mark Moore, USCGR, center, is pinned E-9 at the Grand Haven, Mich. Chief's Call Feb. 8, 2008 by BMC Mike Beatty, Station Muskegon OIC, left, and Moore's wife, Lisa. MCPO Moore was advanced Feb. 1, 2008 and is stationed at AUXOP Holland, Mich.*



*MKCS Robert Delgado, right, pins on the rank of senior chief to his long time friend and shipmate, PSCS William Gillis at PSU 305 Jan. 19, 2008. PSCS Gillis' mother is shown at left proudly looking on. January 2008 was the last drill weekend for Gillis as he was recently selected for a command chief position at Sector Baltimore after nearly nine years service with PSU 305. Twelve members from PSU 305 advanced during the month of January.*



# Medals and Awards

## Defense Superior Service Medal

CAPT Deborah A. Dombeck, CGRU  
USTRANSCOM

## Bronze Star

CWO4 Jack J. Brown, Jr.\*

\* See related story in Reserve News section

## Meritorious Service Medal

CAPT Michael M. Milkovich, NCWRON 21  
YNC Penny Collins\*

\* Gold star in lieu of second

## Coast Guard Commendation Medal

CDR Hekmat D. Tamimie, JFCOM J9

## Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal

LT David G. Milne, NCWRON 21

LTJG Peter M. Webber, NCWRON 21

OS3 Stephen R. Demorat, NCWRON 21

## Joint Service Achievement Medal

OSC Patricia Geistfeld, PSU 308

## Coast Guard Achievement Medal

LT Michael P. Toth, National Maritime Center

LT Ted Trujillo, CGRU USTRANSCOM

CWO3 Elizabeth Blackford, Natl Maritime Ctr.

YNC Nancy Seely, STANT Portage, Mich.

BM1 Roland Bergeron, MOL Charleston

MST1 Gary T. Johnson, Natl Maritime Center

PS1 Timothy J. Pais, PSU 305

PS2 Francis D. Marrin, NCWRON 21

PS2 Richard Samuel, NCWRON 21

## Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

LCDR Louis J. Luba, NCWRON 21

CWO2 Andrew R. Polik, NCWRON 21

## Navy Letter of Commendation

PSCS Bradley Blatchley, NCWRON 21

## Commandant's Letter of Commendation

### Ribbon

ENS Jordan Hardenbergh, PSU 305

MKCS Robert Delgado, PSU 305

BM1 Zachary Hornby, PSU 305

PS1 Malindes Robinson, PSU 305

BM3 Eugene Cox, PSU 305

MST3 Benjamin T. Ledwell, Natl. Mari. Ctr.

YN3 Derrick Zozzaro, PSU 305

## Good Conduct Medal

BMC Neil Paul, MOL Charleston, (2nd)

BMC Ken Sterling, MOL Charleston, (2nd)

PSC Robert Young, MOL Charleston

MK1 Donald Wiggins, MOL Charleston

MST1 Mike Lee, MOL Charleston, (2nd)

PS1 Tommy Roman, MOL Charleston

PS3 Seth Elliott, MOL Charleston

## Reserve Good Conduct Medal

BMCM Walter Haven, PSU 305

PSCM Wayne Miesen, PSU 305

MKCS Robert Delgado, PSU 305

BMC Bryan Bray, PSU 305

BMC Dean Dillingham, PSU 305

PSC Richard Reese, PSU 305

BM1 Conn Dillingham, PSU 305

MK1 Matthew Black, PSU 305

MK1 Sheldon Harley, PSU 305

MK1 Pamela Smith, PSU 305

PS1 Dana Coleman, PSU 305

PS1 Paige Meads, PSU 305

PS1 Kim Perry, MOL Charleston

PS1 Maindes Robinson, PSU 305

PS1 Michael Smtih, PSU 305

SK1 Milered Anderson, PSU 305

BM2 Keith Cupples, PSU 305

BM2 Eric Pimer, Sta. New Haven, Conn. (3rd)

BM2 Michael Shove, Station New Haven, Conn.

GM2 Martin Misjuns, PSU 305

GM2 Angel Pla, PSU 305

PS2 Larry Ambrose, PSU 305

PS2 Mark Stephens, PSU 305

PS2 Brian White, PSU 305

BM3 Gene Cox, PSU 305

BM3 Kyle Viele, PSU 305

DC3 Vincent Budzak, PSU 305

FS3 Doreen Dimitri, PSU 305

MK3 Joshua Pachis, PSU 305

OS3 Edward Burns, PSU 305

PS3 Richard Jones, PSU 305

PS3 Sam Jones, PSU 305

PS3 Miquel A. Longoria, PSU 305

PS3 Ronney Schorah, PSU 305

## Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

SK1 Patty Johnson, (2nd), MOL Charleston

## Recruiting Awards\*

### Name

BM1 Jeffrey B. Pass  
PS1 James Nanos  
PA2 Leslie Delozier  
FN Matthew Cavaco

### Applicant

Cory Nussbaum (RES)  
Michael Eagan Jr. (RES)  
Kristin Reger (A/D)  
Kristen Cavaco (RES)

### Basic Training Dates

01May07 - 22Jun07  
15Apr07 - 27Apr07  
29May07 - 20Jul07  
30Jan07 - 23Mar07

— Compiled by YN1 Shannon McElroy, CGRC Admin/SPO

\* For more info, see ALCOAST 024/07, "Revision to Everyone is a Recruiter Incentive Program."

Photo courtesy ENS Micah DeYoung, PSU 305



*PSU 305's Commanding Officer, CDR Steven H. Pope, left, awards the Commandant's Letter of Commendation to BM3 Eugene Cox for his selection as Sailor of the Quarter. PSU 305 conducts monthly award ceremonies each Sunday before departing for the month. These ceremonies recognize achievements and advancements made by unit members. In all, 37 awards: five PSU pins, five advancements, three boat crew qualifications and one reenlistment ceremony were conducted over the last quarter of 2007.*



# Retirements

## RET-1 (Retired With Pay)

### JANUARY 2008

CAPT MADEIRA, JOHN J.  
CAPT MARQUIS, CHARLES R.  
CDR FLOYD, FRANKLIN N.  
CDR SMITH, STEPHEN R.  
CDR STRELLUS, RANDALL H.  
CDR WALKER, RUBY J.  
LCDR DIAZ, MANUEL W.  
LCDR HARDING, MALVIN E.  
LT CARR, HOWARD T.  
LT JONES, RANDALL C.  
CWO4 BROADAWAY, WILLIAM L.  
CWO4 HADLEY, GUY P.  
CWO4 NEWTON, LORENZO  
CWO4 WOOLARD, LEONARD C.  
CWO3 GARLAND, WILLIAM E., JR.  
CWO3 KLAFFER, DAVID P.  
CWO3 REYNOLDS, RALPH D.  
CWO3 RYAN, BARRY E.  
CWO2 GEISER, LORRAINE BOBBITT  
BMCM KENNEDY, DAVID P.  
MKCS HUGHES, JOHNNY W.  
BMC HONGELL, RONALD V.  
BMC SCRIPTURE, RICHARD C.  
IVC ZEAGLER, DONALD S.  
PSC CIERECK, GEOFFREY E.  
PSC GRAY, JERRY J.  
PSC PIERCE, JOSEPH W.  
SKC KING, CLARENCE E.  
SKC SMITH, LARRY M.  
BM1 CRANE, BERNARD G.  
MK1 MORELLI, ALAN J.  
MST1 BRANNON, MICHAEL J.  
PS1 DIAZ, JOE  
PS1 FIELDS, REGINALD D.  
PS1 GRANT, EMMITT T.  
PS1 JACKSON, ROBERT C.  
PS1 LADEGAST, ROGER C.  
YN1 ROTHCHILD, STEVEN A.  
EM2 KAUFOLD, EDWARD C.  
MK2 MCFARLAND, GREGORY J.  
PS2 JOHNSON, GARY L.

YN2 BRADFORD, SUZANNE S.  
MK3 METER, DARRELLA.  
MST3 EMANUELE, THEODORE S.  
PS3 CASTAGNETTA, JOSEPH M.  
PS3 FINK, ALFRED D.

## RET-2 (Retired Without Pay)

### JANUARY 2008

CAPT CARL M. NAGATA  
LCDR STEVEN C. BITOWF  
LCDR EDWARD R. RAYNOLDS  
LCDR KENNETH D. RICKABAUGH  
CWO4 DARRYL J. BOURASSA  
CWO4 MATTHEW D. COLLINS  
CWO4 JOHN R. COX  
CWO4 STEPHEN C. FRIDAY  
CWO4 JAMES M. WILSON, JR.  
DCCS WALTER D. TROY  
PSCS GERARD A. LENT  
PSCS PAUL WITTEK  
BMC MICHAEL A. KENDALL  
BMC CHARLES W. NOVAK  
BMC DOUGLAS C. PETERSON  
BMC DENNIS W. SMORCH  
FSC JOHN P. BANEY  
MKC IRA W. FOSHAY  
MKC KEITH W. RAFFIELD  
MKC CHARLES R. RICHTER, JR.  
MSTC JOHN M. COURTNEY, JR.  
PSC ANTHONY V. BOLOGNA  
PSC DENNIS J. DOMBKOWSKI  
SKC JOHN C. RUUD  
DC1 HARRY E. REMICK  
MK1 MICHAEL J. KUEBLER  
MK1 ROBERT E. MURPHY  
MST1 CONSTANTINO G. PEREZ  
PS1 JOHN R. CRAIG  
SK1 WENDELL L. WHITAKER  
EM2 DENNIS A. SMITH  
PS3 TONY K. WILLIAMS

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## YNCM Pearl E. Faurie



### First Woman Advanced to Master Chief in USCGR

Oct. 7, 1911 – March 8, 2008

**YNCM Pearl Elinor Faurie, USCGR(Ref.), 96,** on March 8, 2008, in Falls Church, Va. Born Oct. 7, 1911 in Ellwood City, Pa., she first enlisted in the Navy WAVES in late 1942. Four months later, she "jumped ship" for the Coast Guard when CAPT Dorothy Stratton, the first Director of the Coast Guard Women's Reserve (SPARs), came recruiting because Faurie figured "she could be advanced faster in the USCG." She served as a yeoman at Headquarters in Washington, D.C., and lived at the SPAR barracks, located during World War II between 7th and 12th Streets on Independence Avenue. Faurie served on active duty until 1946. During the Korean War, she reenlisted in the Reserve in 1950 and, as a chief yeoman, supervised six yeomen who made up the Reserve Training Unit Program. For a six-month period in 1952, she was assigned to the Intelligence Division on a special project for the Treasury Department. She stayed on active duty, was the first SPAR advanced to E-8 (senior chief yeoman) July 1, 1960, and the first SPAR advanced to E-9 (master chief yeoman) Jan. 1, 1964. She also served as Vice President of the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the Chief Petty Officers Association. She retired from the USCGR July 1, 1971. In retirement, she enjoyed volunteer work, especially at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial in Arlington, Va., and traveling,



**OSC Patrecia Geistfeld, right, of PSU 308, receives the Joint Service Achievement Medal from RADM Mark H. Buzby, Commander Joint Task Force Guantanamo Nov. 30, 2007. Geistfeld, who deployed with PSU 308 to Guantanamo last year, retired after 31 years service in the Navy and Coast Guard.**



**BMCS Steve Cochran, left, holds the "Certificate of Retirement" presented to him by CAPT Brian Kelley at a ceremony held at Sector Baltimore Feb. 16. Cochran retired from the CGR after 25 years service. This dedicated Coastie is still an active member of the Coast Guard Pipe Band.**

Photo by MCPO Mark H. Allen, USCGR



visiting Point Barrow, Alaska, New Zealand, South America, the Far East, Middle East and Europe. In 2001, the MCPO Pearl E. Faurie Leadership Award was established in her honor and is awarded annually to an outstanding Coast Guard enlisted woman. YNCM Faurie is survived by cousins Lynne Rex, Ward Miller, Bonnie Carl, all from the Chicago, Ill. area; Jim Ewart, of Hendersonville, N.C.; three nieces, Linda Jones, Patricia Craven, both of New Castle, Pa.; and Mary Louise Filer Jones, of Mercer, Pa. Funeral services were held April 8, 2008, at the Arlington National Cemetery. Interment Arlington National Cemetery Columbarium with military honors. Memorial donations may be made to the Women's Memorial Foundation, Dept. 560, Washington, DC 20042-0560; 1-800-222-2294; E-mail: [hq@womensmemorial.org](mailto:hq@womensmemorial.org).

• **RADM J. David Spade, USCG(Ret.)**, 64, Feb. 26, 2008, in Tampa, Fla. RADM Spade was a 1965 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy and retired in 1999. Though a committed cutterman, serving aboard six cutters and commanding three (CGCs COURAGEOUS, DILIGENCE and CAPE SABLE), his interests and talents were broad in scope. He earned his master's degree in management from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. in 1971. He was an economics instructor at the Coast Guard Academy and served on the faculty of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. As a rear admiral, he was Deputy Commander of Joint Interagency Task Force East and later commanded the Thirteenth Coast Guard District from 1996-98. Rear Admiral Spade also served his community beyond the Coast Guard and was twice honored as a "Navy Leaguer of the Year" for his selfless efforts. He is survived by his spouse, Linda; son, Mike and daughter, Kristy. A memorial service will be held at the CG Academy chapel on a date to be announced by future ALCOAST. Memorial donations may be made to: Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, 383 Main Avenue, 5th floor, Norwalk, CT 06851, 203-229-0464, [info@themmrf.org](mailto:info@themmrf.org). ALCOAST 107/08.



• **CAPT Neil R. Coley, USCGR(Ret.)**, 75, Jan. 23, 2008, in San Ramon, Calif. Born Aug. 8, 1932 in Racine, Wis., he enlisted in the Coast Guard during the Korean War following high school, serving at a lifeboat station on Lake Michigan in 1954 and then at Sangley Point, Philippines. After discharge from active duty in 1956, he joined the USCG Reserve. He graduated from San Jose State University in 1960 and earned an M.A. in physical science in 1962. After teaching at San Jose High School for one year, he moved to Fremont, Calif. In 1963, he was hired by Chabot College in Hayward, Calif. where he taught chemistry for more than 30 years. In 1972, he earned a doctorate in



education from the University of Southern California. In 1985, Coley and his wife spent nine months on sabbatical at Glasgow University in Scotland and Oxford University, Lincoln College in England. He retired from Chabot College in 1994. His career in the military threaded through his academic life. In 1960, he was commissioned an officer in the USCG Reserve. After many years teaching reservists at Western District Training School at Government Island, Calif. and attending the Naval War College, he commanded various units throughout Northern California from Morro Bay to Eureka. He retired with 31 years of military service in 1983. CAPT Coley was known for his incisive thinking, high standards and fairness. Surviving him is his spouse of 55 years, Bonnie; a daughter, Sloan Coley Bishel. A private family service will be held. Memorial donations may be sent to the National Parkinson Foundation, Inc., Office of Development, 1501 NW 9th Avenue/Bob Hope Road, Miami, FL 33136-1494, 1-800-327-4545.

• **CAPT Terry Hauck, USCGR(Ret.)**, 72, Feb. 7, 2008, in Mesquite, Texas. He joined the Texas National Guard at age 17 and went on to spend the next four decades advancing to leadership positions with the Navy, Coast Guard Reserve and Dallas Police Department. In the CGR, he was a long-time D8 reservist who served on ADSW as D8's Chief of Readiness and Reserve. CAPT Hauck commanded reserve units in Texas, New Mexico and Louisiana before retiring in 1995. His nearly 30-year career with the Dallas police was filled with similar achievement. He was nominated for rookie of the year after just seven months on the job and earned nine awards for outstanding marksmanship. CAPT Hauck was recognized for 25 years of perfect attendance with the department. He is survived by his spouse, Claudia Hauck; son, Tracy Hauck; daughter, Tammy Hauck; mother, Isabel Hauck; brothers, Mike and Chris; sisters, Diane Yates, Sue Smith and Laurie Burch; three grandchildren. Services were held Feb. 12 at Saturn Road Church of Christ in Garland, Texas. Interment Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, Grand Prairie, Texas. Memorial donations may be made in "Memory of Terry Hauck" to: Christian Care Center, ATTN: Greg Losher, 1000 Wiggins Parkway, Mesquite, TX 75150.



• **CAPT Herbert C. Iffert, USCGR(Ret.)**, Jan. 28, 2008, in St. Joseph, Mo.

• **CAPT Ruth M. White, USCGR(Ret.)**, 93, Jan. 30, 2008, in Tallahassee, Fla. She is survived by her nephew, Robert. Interment Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

• **CDR Robert R. Fredlund, USCGR(Ret.)**, Jan. 30, 2008, in Sarasota, Fla. He is survived by his spouse, Virginia Fredlund.

• **CDR Christina M. Hosking, USCGR(Ret.)**, 64, Feb. 21, 2008, in North Andover, Mass. She graduated with a degree in physical education and music from Texas Women's University, Denton, Texas. CDR Hosking taught high school physical education at St. Mary's High School, Lawrence, Mass., Rundlett Junior High School, Concord, N.H. and at

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North Andover elementary schools. She also worked in distribution logistics for Microwave Research, Haffner's Corp. and Digital Equipment Corp. At one time during her career, she was the highest ranking woman in the CGR. She is survived by her sister, Marthea Fournier; twin brother, James Hosking; nieces and a nephew. A memorial service was held March 30, 2008 at the family home in North Andover, Mass. The family asks that contributions be made in CDR Hosking's name to the Merrimack Valley Hospice House, 360 Merrimack St., Building 9, Lawrence, MA 01843, 1-800-933-5593. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family via the Conte Funeral Home Web site: [www.contefuneralhomes.com](http://www.contefuneralhomes.com).

• **LCDR Lloyd H. Hinz, USCGR(Ref.)**, Jan. 1, 2008.

• **LT Keith Ryan, USCGR**, 37, Jan. 28, 2008, of Silver Spring, Md. He was serving as an attaché for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Pakistan at the time of his death. His expert legal assistance to deploying reservists and active promotion of professional development greatly improved the quality of life for many military members. He is survived by his spouse, Kate (Moriarty) Ryan; three children, Conor, Jack and Amelia Ryan; parents, Robert and Elaine Ryan; sister, Jessica Ryan. A funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 9, 2008 at St. Paul's Church, Hingham, Mass. Interment private. Memorial donations may be made to: The Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism, Inc., P.O. Box 767, Framingham, MA 01701.

• **CWO4 Ralph W. Hawkins, USCGR(Ref.)**, Feb. 27, 2008, in Pittsfield, Mass. He is survived by his spouse, Margaret Hawkins.

• **CWO4 Robert E. McCarty, USCGR(Ref.)**, Feb. 28, 2008, in St. Edward, Neb. He is survived by his spouse, Heidi McCarty.

• **CWO4 Robert C. Mead, USCGR(Ref.)**, Jan. 23, 2008.

• **CWO3 John F. Kilkaitis, USCGR(Ref.)**, Nov. 20, 2007. He is survived by his brother, Peter Kilkaitis.

• **MKCS Davis Rumfield, USCGR(Ref.)**, 61, Feb. 20, 2008, in Pleasanton, Texas. He served at USCG Sector Corpus Christi, Texas and was mobilized and served on active duty at Sector Corpus Christi following 9/11. He also served with Military Outload Operations in Corpus Christi. He is survived by his spouse, Treva Rumfield; a son, MK2 Joseph Rumfield, USCGR; a brother, William Rumfield; three grandchildren; nieces and nephews. A funeral service was held on Feb. 23, 2008 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dilley, Texas. Memorial donations may be made to MD Anderson Cancer Center or Relay for Life.



• **BMC Edwin T. Winnie, USCGR(Ref.)**, March 2, 2008, in Charlotte, Mich. He is survived by his daughter, Jo Lynn Jacobs; a son, Jerry Winnie.

• **BM1 Stephen A. Mullen, USCGR(Ref.)**, 64, Jan. 24, 2008, in Deptford, N.J. Born in Philadelphia, he was raised in Pitman, N.J. and graduated from Milton Hershey High School in 1963. After serving four years in the Air Force in Vietnam, he joined

the Coast Guard Reserve. During his 34 years in the Reserve, he served on the Atlantic Strike Task Force at Fort Dix, N.J. He also worked on a task force for the clean up of the World Trade Center from 2001 to 2003. As a civilian, he worked for Hungerford & Terry, Inc. as a water treatment troubleshooter, retiring after 31 years. He was a member of the N.J. State Fireman's Association, and a member of Pitman Fire Co. No. 1 for 48 years. He was a charter member and served as an EMT 35 years with the Volunteer Pitman Ambulance Association. He is survived by his spouse of 39 years, Catherine; son, Kenneth; daughter, Susan Mullen; grandchildren, Edward, Stephanie, Harry, Kimberly; step-grandson, Shawn; brother, Donald; many nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services were held Jan. 30, 2008 with interment at Eglington Cemetery, Clarksboro, N.J. Contributions may be made to: The Alzheimer's Association, 11000 Lincoln Drive West, Marlton, NJ 08053 or Caring Hospice Services, 102 Gaither Drive, Suite 2, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054. Memorials may be shared at [www.kelleyfhpitman.com](http://www.kelleyfhpitman.com).



• **MST2 Sandella S. Spears, USCGR(Ref.)**, Feb. 16, 2008, in Overland Park, Kan. She is survived by her daughter, Tracy Sears-Brown. Interment Kansas City, Mo.

• **James H. Thach, III**, 71, Feb. 2, 2008, in Lyme, Conn. He served in the Army, was a Navy Midshipman and a helicopter and fixed-wing pilot. He was employed at Sikorsky Aircraft for 35 years, where he was Director of Search and Rescue requirements, working primarily with Coast Guard projects. He had worked on every U.S. Coast Guard program since 1964, including the HH-52A, the first turbine powered amphibious SAR helicopter, the HH-3F, and the HH-60J, which he was the program manager. He was responsible for the design and delivery of the HH-60H to the U.S. Navy and the HH-60J to the U.S. Coast Guard. As the pilot of a Sikorsky helicopter during a life saving mission in 1972, he was the recipient of the Igor I. Sikorsky Helicopter Rescue Award, "Rescue S." He was also awarded the USCG Meritorious Public Service Award in 1987, and the USCG Distinguished Public Service Award in 1999. A member of the Ancient Order of the Pterodactyl Society, he was also a life long member of the Navy League serving as National Director of Coast Guard Affairs. He received the Navy League of the U.S. Distinguished Service Award in 2001. Survivors include his spouse of 38 years, Margaret Thach; daughter, Amy Thach-McArtor; son, LT James Thach, IV, USCGR; a grandson, Kenneth McArtor. A memorial service was held Feb. 16, 2008 at the U.S. Coast Guard Chapel, New London, Conn. Interment private. Memorial donations may be made to the Brevillier Fund of MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation, Inc., that awards scholarships to deserving Lyme, Conn. students.

**Note:** The Reservist publishes "Taps" based on Personnel Casualty Reports and input received from the field. If you would like to see more information in future issues on a specific shipmate or family member who served in the Coast Guard Reserve, please e-mail the editor at: [TheReservist@uscg.mil](mailto:TheReservist@uscg.mil).





# USCGR's Vital Role: Home and Abroad

**A**s I sit and write this article, the 67th birthday — Feb. 19, 2008 — of the United States Coast Guard Reserve is fading fast in life's rear view mirror. ADM Russell Waesche's foresight in creating the Coast Guard Reserve less than a year before the attack on Pearl Harbor played a significant role in the Coast Guard's ability to rapidly expand into a 160,000-member force multiplier for the Navy. During World War II, five out of every six Coast Guardsmen were reservists manning 30 destroyer escorts, 75 frigates, 750 cutters, 290 Navy and 255 Army vessels. On the home front, thousands of Coast Guard reservists, along side their active duty counterparts, protected vital ports and waterways and patrolled miles of coastline in search of potential saboteurs and enemy agents.

Today, more than six years into the Global War of Terrorism, reservists carry on the proud legacy of the Waesche-era Coast Guard Reserve. Reservists serve in places like Bagdad, Iraq, the Kuwait Naval Base, Charleston, S.C., Bangor, Wash. and lots of places in-between. In fact, hundreds of you and your shipmates are standing the watch as you thumb through this issue of *The Reservist*. Thousands more of you have already answered the call or are in the process of preparing for a future mobilization. And, while our Reserve workforce is significantly smaller than our first-generation ancestors, have no doubt as to the vital role each of you plays in mission execution both here at home and overseas.

Take, for example, the recent milestone reached by Sector Charleston's Military Outload (MOL) Section. On Feb. 1 of this year, the MOL Section, which is staffed completely by reservists, completed five consecutive years of support to the Department of Defense's (DoD) strategic sealift operations. During that time, the MOL Section flawlessly completed hundreds of security escort and security zone sorties amassing an

impressive 30,760 hours underway. All this was done around the clock in all types of weather conditions and in the typically quiet and professional Coast Guard manner. When you are talking about the safe and secure movement of military munitions and hardware, quiet is exactly what you want.

The missions executed by the MOL Section in Charleston are representative of similar efforts by countless other USCG personnel in dozens of U.S. ports. Since 2002, both active and reserve personnel have provided ongoing safety and security for over 100 Military Sealift Command ships as they moved over six billion square feet of military essential materiel from U.S. ports in support of DoD operations overseas. In the Pacific Northwest, the Maritime Force Protection Unit (MFPU) based in Bangor, Wash. (a second is located at King's Bay, Ga.) provides security escorts for over \$60 billion worth of Navy assets. Both the Bangor and King's Bay units were originally stood up with USCGR volunteers and continue to operate with a heavy reliance on reserve personnel.

These are but a few examples focusing on "high-profile" Reserve mission execution. In addition to these efforts, there are hundreds, if not thousands, of Coast Guard Reservists making monthly, weekly and daily contributions to the execution of Coast Guard missions, from performing a ports, waterways and coastal security patrol in LA/LB to honing rate-related skills while working on a piece of unit electronics. Whatever the flavor of duty — IDT, AT, ADSW — the knowledge and experience gained through these types of competency-based professional development will ensure the United States Coast Guard continues to have the ready, reliable and relevant Reserve workforce ADM Waesche so wisely created nearly seven decades ago.

Happy belated birthday wishes and Bravo Zulu to all!



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**POINT VICENTE LIGHTHOUSE, Calif. — PS2 John Clark, a PSU-311 (Port Security Unit) reservist, helps a girl dress and play the part of a military member at the Coast Guard's Open House at Point Vicente Lighthouse in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. March 1, 2008. PSU 311 is a deployable unit that is comprised mostly of reservists who are continually on call for operations to support military missions worldwide.**

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